It's a Fact

Governor Law of Connecticut wore the first silk stockings produced in New England—in 1747.

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Christmas Is Only Holiday Nation Takes

War Prevents Observance Of All But This Holy Day

WASHINGTON, Dec 25—(AP)—There was peace on earth and good will toward men in the security of millions of American homes and churches today, but on distant battlefronts the guns of war rumbled a litany of hate and death.

On this holy day, the only holiday the nation permits itselt while its homes and churches are theatened from abroad, the factories of war were stilled and the people paused for divine worship and the traditional exchanging of gifts and feasting.

There were many vacant seats and absent faces, but parents were heartened by assurance of the army and navy that their sons and daughters in far-off fighting zones were being cheered, wherever possible, by turkey dinners and gifts and mail from home.

From President Roosevelt came a messabe of cheer.

"I cannot say 'Merry Christmas,'" he said in a Christmas eve broadcast, "for I think constantly of those thousands of soldiers and sailors who are in actual combat throughout the world—but I can express to you my thought that this is a happier Christmas than last year in the sense that the forces of darkness stand against us with less confidence in the success of their evil ways."

Pearl Harbor Memories

A year ago the memory of Pearl Harbor was painfully fresh, and the Japanese were running unchecked through the Pacific.

To those who toil in war plants, the president also sent greetings. He said it was significant that their factories are stilled on this one day, declaring:

"On all other holidays work goes—gladly—for the winning of the war.

"So Christmas becomes the only holiday in all the year.

"I like to think that this is so because Christmas is a holy day. May all it stands for live and grow throughout the years."

Mr. Roosevelt's message went forth from the south portico of the White House, where he observed the traditional yuletide ceremony by dedicating a national community Christmas tree.

The quiet family Christmas eve observance at the White House

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Car Collision Early Today

Two automobiles were badly wrecked, the occupants of only one car injured, and those injuries slight, in a collision which occurred on a curve on highway 65 five miles south of Sedalia, near the "Slim" Meyers filling station, early this morning.

Mrs. Gertrude Friend, 3024 Forrest, Kansas City, driver of one car received a black eye when she bumped her head against the windshield. Her husband, Earl Friend was slightly bruised, and Miss Genevieve Griffith, a companion, also of Kansas City, received slight lacerations on her hands, and both arms were bruised.

Captain C. W. Harrod, Chaplain at the Sedalia Army Air Field, was the driver of the second car and his companions were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Beach and daughter. All escaped injury.

Had Attended Services

Captain Harrod was returning to Sedalia after taking Miss Vesta Elliott to her home south of Sedalia, after they had attended mid-night services at the Air Field. Mrs. Beach was in charge of the girls' choir which sang for the soldiers, and she, with her husband, her daughter and Miss Elliott were being taken home by Capt. Harrod.

Mr. and Mrs. Friend and Miss Griffith were en route to Windsor where they were to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

The Friends and Miss Griffith were taken to the Bothwell hospital in the McLaughlin ambulance, and later went to the St. Frances Hotel where they remained over night. They went to Windsor this morning.

Shotgun Killing Over Christmas Turkey

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25—(AP)—A family quarrel over the purchase of a $9 Christmas turkey ended today in the shotgun killing of Arthur Paul Muehle, 39 a battery company employe. His wife Ruby, 40, was held by police.

Mrs. Muehle and her 13-year-old stepson, Arthur, told police that Muehle protested the purchase of the bird yesterday, and an ensuing argument lasted through the night.

The son made a signed statement to Inspector Ed Larson and other officers.

Out On A Raft Hour And Half

Today is a happy Christmas for Mrs. Maude Karigan, 1403 East Twelfth street, who has with her one of her sailor sons, Charles Karigan, Gunner's Mate Second Class USN, whose ship was sunk off Algiers. Her other son Fred Karigan is in the Navy, somewhere on the west coast.

Charles is home on a thirty-day furlough, and must report back to Boston sometime in January to await assignment to another ship of the Atlantic Fleet—his other ship the Leedstown was sunk off the coast of Algiers by an Axis submarine during the North African invasion.

For an hour and a half, with several shipmates, he floated in the Mediterranean Sea on a raft. "I was out there only about long enough to get good and wet when a ship in our convoy picked us up," Karigan said. "I am certainly glad to be home for Christmas," he concluded.

Night Before Christmas In New Guinea

Soldier Son Writes Mother Of Activities

By William F. Boni

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 24 —(Delayed)—(AP)—

Dear Mom:

This is Christmas eve.

Some time tonight, probably, somebody's going to sing "Silent Night." They might even sing it in German since that is the language it originally was written in, and there's nothing Hitler can do about that.

We are having a party in the correspondents' shack. The shack isn't much but it looks fancy tonight. An Australian correspondent and one of our native boys went out and cut palm fronds and used them to decorate the doors.

They also gathered Bougainvillea and Poinciana and hung it wherever anything could be hung.

We have an invitation list a Philadelphia mainline matron would be proud of—it includes General Douglas MacArthur, Major General George C. Kenney, air commander, and General Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of Australian ground forces, the three top allied commanders of the Southwest Pacific.

Nurses As Guests

They may not come. But the list also includes three American and three Australian nurses, and they already are here, which is important.

From all sorts of places we've gathered all sorts of things, including the promise of a case of champagne and, better than promises, are precious bottles of whisky—already here, as well as some rum punch, concocted with the aid of Captain Philip North, who was public relations officer at Fort Worth, Texas.

The nurses brought some tins of cheese, and an anonymous friend donated ten pounds of real American frankfurters. And that's the way it has gone.

The nurses also brought phonograph records, and they are playing them now, so I've got to run.

Merry Christmas, Mom.

ODT Representative Will Be Here Monday

J. C. Highberger of the Office of Defense and Transportation from Jefferson City, the district office of this territory will be in Sedalia at the County Extension Agent's office in the basement of the Y. M. C. A. building Monday afternoon, all day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Those who have complaints on gasoline rationing on trucks and buses are asked to see Mr. Highberger. They must bring with them their certificates of war necessities and any records they may have showing the amount of gasoline used since they received their certificates or the miles that they have made.

First Message From Son In Five Months

Mrs. G. W. McKelvey, 1900 South Summit avenue, received word this morning from her son, Lieut. Stansel DeFoe, in the United State. He also said he would be home soon. Mrs. McKelvey had not heard from her son for five months.

Ruth Noel Hurley Marries

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 25—(AP)— Miss Ruth Noel Hurley, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Patrick Hurley, became the bride of David Huey Hughes, aviation cadet, United States Army Air Force in a Christmas eve wedding ceremony in Christ Episcopal chapel. The bridegroom is the son of David A. Hughes of Santa Fe, N. M.

Christmas Baby Born

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hesse, Cole Camp, are parents of a son, born at 7:55 o'clock this morning at the Bothwell hospital.

Christmas in America



'Tis Christmas in America
Where churchbells still may ring,
Where people worship where they will
And Christmas carols sing.

'Tis Christmas in America
A land ablaze with light
Without the fear of air raids
And terror in the night.

'Tis Christmas in America
Where Christmas trees still glow
And young folk heap the mantel
With spruce and mistletoe.

'Tis Christmas in America
Abundance everywhere
And there's gayness in our laughter
And reverence in our prayer

For Christmas in America
Is quite a glorious thing
It's the spirit of devotion
To a tiny new born king.

It's the spirit of old Santa
With his sack of shiny toys,
It's the sparkle of excitement
In the eyes of girls and boys.

It's the time for family dinners,
It's the time for gifts and fun,
It's the time for cards and greetings
And a smile for everyone.

For this has been our heritage
Oh, God, to Thee we pray
That always in America
We'll have a Christmas Day..

Hazel N. Lang, Staff Member

Formal Dance By The U. S. O. December 26

Other Activities Planned For The Enlisted Men

Three special events are planned for the Christmas week end for the soldiers at the Sedalia Army air field by the U. S. O. On Saturday night, December 26th, there will be a formal dance at Convention hall, Liberty park. On Sunday afternoon from 4 to 8 o'clock the G. S. O. will sponsor another open house program. On Monday evening at 8 o'clock, the U. S. O. will hold its first roller skating party at the local roller rink.

The formal dance which is to be held on Saturday night is the first formal to be given by the U. S. O. The girls of the G. S. O. have been asking for one for some time, and its was agreed that a Christmas formal would be appropriate for the first one. It is planned to have a formal dance about once each month. The music will be furnished by the newly organized S. A. A. F. orchestra.

Open House Successful

The open house held on last Sunday afternoon at the U. S. O. club, for the soldiers, was so successful, the G. S. O. decided that they once again would like to sponsor another. Fifteen girls will serve as hostesses each hour during the period from four to eight o'clock.

The roller skating party on Monday night is the first roller skating party to be conducted by the U. S. O., and if it proves successful, there will be one held each month. The management of the local rink will furnish the hall and use of the skates to the U. S. O. at no cost.

Wage Disputes Will Be Heard By Panels

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25—(AP)—Wage disputes in this region will be heard by panels composed of citizens whose names are now being selected by Father John C. Friedl, Rockhurst college instructor and chairman of a national war labor board advisory council.

Under the arrangement disputes will not have to be submitted to Washington.

Regional Director W. C. Shank said yesterday that William T. Haywood, CIO leader, and Ernest R. Quick AFL leader, have been confirmed as regional labor representative and associate regional labor representative, respectively, of the War Production Board's four-state region which includes Missouri.

Former Chinese Minister Dies

CHUNGKING, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Gen. Chiang Tso-Pin, former Chinese minister to Germany and to Japan, died of pneumonia on Christmas eve. He was 60.

It's Christmas Gift In Hills Of The Ozarks

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25—(AP)—"Merry Christmas" is the by-word today but deep in the Missouri Ozarks they're saying "Christmas gift" instead.

The phrase is "a mild form of banditry," says May Kennedy McCord, an authority on the customs, traditions and ballads of the people of the Ozarks, because those who say it first in greeting get a Christmas present.

"We used to get up before daylight and race around calling on neighbors, friends and relatives to shout 'Christmas gift' as fast as we could" she recalls. "One Christmas an uncle from Indiana came to visit us. He was puzzled by the expression. He thought it a kind of social holdup."

In southwest Missouri Christmas feasts, she says mean dishes of squirrel pie, wild turkey, a fat hen, or ham and dumplings.

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In the small communities families gather for neighborhood parties, bringing their own presents of Red plush autograph albums, dolls and homemade toys, their wooden wheels colored red with the juice of poke berries, to be placed around a tree strung with popcorn and cranberries.

Former Beery Protege Dies Wednesday

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Death of Allan B. Whitney, 31, former protege of film Actor Wallace Beery, became known today. He died Wednesday in the county general hospital of tuberculosis.

Whitney sued the actor three years ago for $600,000 damages charging he was arrested when he called at the Beery home in Beverly Hills. Trial of the suit developed that Beery has befriended Whitney as a boy. A superior court jury decided in favor of the actor.

Three Die From Monoxide Poisoning

HAYS, Kas., Dec. 25 —(AP)—Three persons died in a tourist cabin last night, victims of accidental carbon monoxide poisoning from a gas heater.

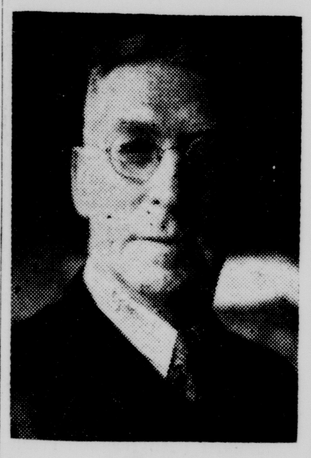
The victims were Sgt. William C. Cason, 28, and his wife, Velva, 23, and an unidentified woman companion. They were en route from Salt Lake City to St. Louis to spend Christmas with relatives.

J. B. Greer Passes Away This Morning

Pettis County Collector Had Been Ill Several Weeks

John Bronson "Doc" Greer, Pettis County collector, and elected in November to a third term, to begin January 1, 1943, passed away at the Bothwell hospital at 11:10 o'clock this morning, after an illness of several weeks.

While friends knew Mr. Greer had been ill for many weeks, his condition did not prevent him remaining in his office most of the time and looking after his affairs. The last campaign was a quiet one, he went through it most successfully, and was not required to make the strenuous trips that have been necessary in other campaigns.



J. B. Greer

When it became known some days ago that Mr. Greer's condition was serious his many friends were hopeful that he would have the strength to pull through, and would again return to his office. He was one of the most popular men in the court house, one of the leaders in the Republican party, in which he has been active for many years, and probably one of the best known and best liked men in the county.

Mr. Greer was born in Sedalia, October 7, 1882 and was married to Miss Ada Florence Ellis on July 3, 1908 in Sedalia.

Surviving besides his widow are two sons, Gordon Greer, 1512 South Prospect avenue, and Pvt. Harold Greer in the United States Army, and one daughter, Mrs. Walker Vaughn, Harrison apartments. A sister, Mrs. Iva Govrecht of Dallas, Texas, also survives.

The body was taken to the Gillespie funeral home where it will remain until time for the funeral services, arrangements for which have not yet been completed.

Pettis County's Song On Army Hour

The WAAC song written by Lieutenant Leola Reese, of the Hughesville neighborhood, who took training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, where she wrote the song, is to be sung over "The Army Hour" radio broadcast Sunday.

Bothwell Hospital Notes

Charles S. Gunn, Otterville, was admitted for surgery.

W. H. Rush, 1326 East Broadway, was dismissed.

Late Bulletins From The War Theatres By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that American aircraft had shot down ten Japanese planes at Munda on New Georgia Island in the Solomons and destroyed ten other planes on the ground.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Persons thoroughly familiar with General Charles De Gaulle's basic policies expressed belief tonight that the fighting French leader shortly would make a formal declaration of his willingness to cooperate fully with General Henri Honore Giraud if Giraud became head of French North Africa.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—President and Mrs. Roosevelt worshipped today at the Episcopal church of the Epiphany and heard the Rev. Howard Stone Anderson proclaim that "There will always be a Christmas."

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts—Dec. 25.— (AP) — Dispatches from Tokyo said today that Japanese forces occupying Wake Island were bombed Wednesday night by United States Flying Fortresses which came "from the region of Midway."

(There was no confirmation from Washington that Wake Island had been raided).

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts)—Dec. 25.— (AP) — British air raiders flew over Western Germany last night, "breaking the peace of Christmas night and destroying some tombs in a graveyard," the Berlin radio reported today.

Stalin Pledges Liberation Of Ukraine From Germans; Darlan Killed, Axis Blamed

Twenty-two Year Old Assassin Caught Seconds After Shot Was Fired

ALGIERS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—General Henri Giraud assumed police power over all French Africa today as commander in chief of France's armed forces while preparations were made for the burial of Admiral Jean Darlan, Christmas Eve victim of an assassin's bullet.

By Noland Norgaard

ALGIERS, Dec. 25—(A. P.)—Admiral Jean Darlan, who surrendered North Africa and yielded Dakar bloodlessly to the allies, was shot to death on the eve of Christmas and one of his closest associates said today the assassination was inspired by the Axis or its collaborationists.

(The Algiers radio announced that Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, implacable foe of the Germans and Darlan's commander of French forces in the North African field alongside the allies, had taken over "maintenance of order" in French North Africa.

(The Morocco radio said the imperial council would name Darlan's successor tomorrow. The council, set up by Darlan to govern North Africa and "defend the interests of the French empire" until France is liberated, included Darlan and these five men, one of whom probably will be chosen:

(Giraud, General Jean Marie Bergert, former Vichy air minister; and the three governors — General in French North and West Africa, Gen. Auguste Nogues of Morocco, Pierre Boisson of West Africa, and Yves Chatel of Algeria.

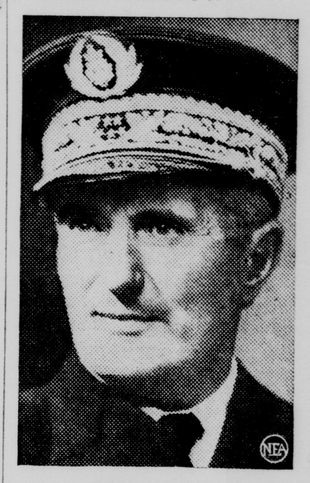
(The Morocco broadcast said Nogues had left Rabat by plane for Algiers early today to attend the council meeting. It announced that a special mass would be celebrated in Darlan's memory tomorrow in the Rabat cathedral.)

Assassin Caught

The assassin was caught in the government palace seconds after he fired the close-range shots which took the life of the one-time commander of all Vichy's armed forces, high-placed member in Marshal Petain's collaboration

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Assassinated



Admiral Darlan

Admiral formerly with Vichy regime is fatally shot at Algiers Thursday afternoon. Recently he gave collaboration to the allies in North Africa.

Allies Drive Germans From High Position

Successful In First Significant Tunisia Offensive

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—In the first significant offensive action on the central Tunisian front in two weeks, Allied troops were reported today to have driven the Germans from a height dominating the important road junction to Medjez-El-Bab and held the position against enemy counter-attacks.

Rome and Berlin communiques declared that Allied thrusts were repulsed and the German high command said "a large number of Americans" were captured.

The success was announced by Allied North African headquarters in a communique which also reported an increase in patrol activity on the northern end of the front and sharp fighting on the southern flank, where French troops were said to have repelled Axis attacks west of Kairouan.

Reuters reported that the Morocco radio broadcast a French communique saying: "in the region west of Kairouan our troops were violently attacked by the enemy throughout yesterday. The enemy was repelled on the whole length of the front, leaving behind numerous prisoners and a great quantity of war material. American aircraft successfully supported our troops . . ."

Allies Driving Wedges

Medejz-El-Bab is about 35 miles southwest of Tunis. Kairouan is another 65 miles farther south and about 40 miles west of the port of Sousse, toward which a French column has been reported pushing in an effort to drive a wedge between the Axis forces in Tunisian and Field Marshal Rommel's army now retreating

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Million Dollars To Kansas U.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25—(AP)—Gift of $1,000,000 to the University of Kansas City by William Volker, wholesale merchant and philanthropist, was announced today by the university board of trustees.

Volker, who has been the school's chief patron since its start in 1933, made the Christmas gift at the start of a campaign to bring its endowed income to $200,000 a year.

"The total of $200,000 a year will assure the continuation of the full university program with expanding services to students and the community," said Ernest E. Howard chairman of the board.

Bus Hits Car This Morning, Child Killed

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Richard Carl Bartholow, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bartholow, Mountain Grove, was killed this morning when a Springfield-bound bus smashed into the rear of the family car after it stalled on Highway 60, near Rogersville.

The Bartholows were enroute to their home from Kansas City, Kan., for the holiday. The baby was asleep on the rear seat and the parents were attempting to push the car off the road when the bus suddenly came upon them, over a slight rise. The parents jumped clear after failing to signal driver William J. Burnett of Springfield to a halt with a flashlight. None of the passengers on the bus was hurt.

The Weather

Missouri—Little change in temperature today and tonight; occasional light rains northeast today.

Lake of the Ozarks: 1.4 feet below full reservoir.

Sunrise 8:30 a. m. Sunset 5:04 p. m.
Full moon December 23, last quarter moon December 30.

Temperature 7 a. m., 40 degrees; 3 p. m., 52 degrees.

Greeting From King George VI

LONDON, Dec. 25—(AP)—King George VI broadcast a message to the British Empire today, declaring that despite " the dark shadow of war" Christmas still meant "hope for the return to this earth of peace and good will."

The king said it added to Britain's happiness this year to share Christmas "with so many of our comrades in arms from the United States of America."

"We welcome them in our homes and their sojourn here will not only be a happy memory for us but also, I hope, the basis of enduring understanding between our two peoples."

King George said he spoke "with firm confidence about the future" as a result of the allies' recent victories.

"On the southern shores of the Mediterranean," he said, "the first and eighth armies, our fleets and air forces, are advancing toward each other, heartened and greatly fortified by the timely and massive expeditionary armies of the United States.

"Tremendous blows have been struck by the armies of the Soviet union, the effects of which cannot yet be measured on the minds and bodies of the German people.

"In the Pacific we watch with thrilled attention the counter-strokes of our Australian and American comrades."

Alagir, At End Of Spur Railway Snatched By Reds From The Germans

By Eddy Gilmore

MOSCOW, Dec. 25—(A. P.)— Liberation of the Ukraine from the German invaders was pledged by Premier Stalin and Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov in a special message today as the Red army pressed into the easterly border lands of that granary area in one of four winter offensives.

Already, military circles declared, these four offensives have won back more territory from the invaders than the whole Russian comeback drive last winter. (Comparative mileages were not disclosed.)

"The Ukraine is and will be Soviet," the Russian war leaders told the central committee of the Ukraine Communist party.

"Units of our troops of the southwestern front have already entered into and liberated the first Ukrainian villages. Let liberty-loving peoples struggle, expand and strengthen in the Ukraine in the rear of the German robbers."

The Red army moved closer upon Millerovo, key rail junction 120 miles north of Rostov, with the capture of Kilodezy, 15 miles to the northeast. They already had won Voloshino directly west of Millerovo and Olkhovy Rog, directly east.

Territory Back To Russians

A new winter offensive in the Caucasus was reported to have returned more German-conquered territory to Russian hands and emphasized anew the peril to the Nazi armies in southern Russia.

After announcing in a special communique last night that Russian troops southeast of Nalchik had moved to the offensive and advanced 12 miles, the Soviet information bureau reported today that the advance was continuing. Several more populated places were reported captured and more than 1,000 German mines and 24 damaged enemy tanks were said to have been seized in one sector.

Alagir, at the end of a spur railway line high in the Caucasus mountains about 40 miles southeast of Nalchik, was snatched from the Germans, the Russians reported, and Red army troops moved along the railroad to seize Ardon, 25 miles northwest of Ordzhonikidze, and several other towns just off the railway.

Halted German Drive

The Russians brought the German drive in this area to a halt

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Visitor Here Has Seen Action

An interesting visitor in the city today, but a retiring and modest one is 26-year-old Joe Bright, Petty Officer, First Class, of Independence, U. S. N., who with his sister, Mrs. James P. Quinn, of Kansas City, and Mr. Quinn, are guests at the home of Mr. Quinn's father, James P. Quinn, Sr., 706 West Fifth street.

The young man who enlisted in the navy in September '41, was stationed at Pearl Harbor and witnessed the Japanese attack there on December 7, 1941. Later he was assigned to an airplane carrier, was in battle near the Solomons, his ship was sunk, and he was rescued by a destroyer, and later taken by a transport to a Pacific port.

His experiences were many, but like all men in the armed forces, he will not tell of them until such times as they are first released by the government.

He is now on leave to report to Norfolk to a cruiser, when called.

L. F. Ritchie's Condition Improved

Louis F. Ritchie, 123 East Broadway, with the state insurance department in Jefferson City, who has been a patient in St. Mary's hospital there after becoming suddenly ill Sunday night, showed improvement today and if his condition continues satisfactory will be brought home this week end for a period of convalescence.

Aimee Too Ill To Conduct Christmas Service

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25—(AP)—For the first time in 20 years, Sister Aimee Semple McPherson was not at her temple on Christmas eve to hand out baskets of food and gifts to needy thousands.

The California evangelist is seriously ill with a lung congestion. Groups in the temple raised their arms in constant prayers for her recovery last night.



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Sunday School Lesson

Apostle Paul Gives Sound, Practical Advice for Effective Right Living

Txet: Romans 12:1-3, 9-21

By William E. Gilroy, D. D.
Editor of Adance

It would be difficult to find anywhere within the same space as much wise, wholesome and effectively practical counsel for right living as Paul has put into the verses of our lesson from the twelfth chapter of Romans. The only passage that would compare with it would be Paul's exposition of the meaning and power of love in the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians. But there, as in passages that one might select from the Sermon on the Mount, the emphasis is on sound elemental emotion, underlying motives, and general principles rather than on details or practical rules for conduct.

Paul was no mystic or theorist, living in a world of mere images and disembodied ideas. He was a mystic in the sense that he was awake to all spiritual influences and intuitions, but he was soundly practical in recognizing the physical basis of life an dthe plain physical basis of life and be plain vironment. The proper care of the body is a spiritual service. It is a duty not only to one's self, but it is a holy obligation toward God.

But Paul does not make any religious cult out of good health or proper care for the body, as many cultists have done both in ancient and in modern times. The body is the abode of the spirit; the physical in life is the foundation for something higher. So Paul lays emphasis on the power of the mind over the body. How can one offer his own body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, unless he has a mind so consecrated that it is able to descern what is "the good and acceptable and perfect will of God"?

To this end humility is the great need. How can a man learn and discern unless he is humble? To think of himself more highly than he ought to think is to cut himself off from the possibility of becoming better than he is. But this does not mean that a man should disparage himself or his powers. Humility does not mean abasement. Paul encouraged these Christians to think of themselves soberly, "according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith." That attitude takes into account not only what a man is, but what his is capable of becoming, for that is the meaning of faith in relation to personal betterment.

Paul follows up these basic counsels with specific and detailed exhortations to diligence, fervor, and Christian service. He dwells on the spirit in which life is to be lived; the Christian must rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and continue steadfastly in prayer. He must be charitable and considerate of others. When wrong is done him, he must find the triumph of overcoming evil. He must meet others with courtesy and understanding and kindliness.

As Paul puts it, "Rejoice with them that rejoice, weep with them that weep." Paul does not say that he must be at peace with all men but he says that, as far as it is possible, the Christian must be a man of peace.

And all this fine counsel rises to a great climax in the final exhortation, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Religious Remarkables



Christmas, 1942

Out of the silent night, the voice of an angel came to the shepherds: "Fear not; for behold I bring you tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people; For this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Fear not; Frequently in the course of His life did the Son of God repeat these words. Others, speaking in His Name, have carried the same reassurance to the troubled of every age. It is a message of comfort today to millions whose hearts, even in the midst of war, devastation and terror, are open in welcome to the King of Kings.

There will be no Christmas celebration in the concentration camps or in the starving villages of Europe; but the tidings of that day will be whispered in the familiar words of the Gospels; and even in the abyss of misery men will pray with new courage for the reign of peace and good will.

We cannot reach these people with our gifts; not even with our words of good cheer. But Christian Americans will surely remember them in their prayers. The power of prayer is beyond our imagining. We we pray for the suffering, let us remember that from the lowly cradle of Bethlehem charity and peace came into the world. It will come again through the grace and mercy of Him who is the Father of all.

Considering the awful hardships and tragedies that engulf Europe, it may seem selfish for Americans to look forward to a season of bounty and conviviality. But that is to misrepresent the significance of Christmas, to overlook the things it stands for and that must survive no matter what catastrophe threatens.

For Chrismas is the symbol of our faith in God and in mankind. It stands for the essential qualities that link men of every belief and race. It is the day of the Good Samaritan.

Strip it of its joyous externals—the gaily lighted trees, the tuneful carols, the bright store windows, the busy rush to mail greeting cards—and underneath will be found the feeling of universal brotherhood, the wish to share with others the blessings that are ours. Christmas is the assurance that after the shadows have lifted from the world, peace and goodwill will again prevail.

Attend Your Church

FIFTH STREET METHODIST CHURCH, Fifth and Osage streets, H. U. Campbell, D. D., Minister. The Church school meets at 9:30, a. m., with their monthly Missionary program and benevolent offering. Morning worship 10:30, a. m. Sermon, "God's Ladder of Grace." Special music by the quartet directed by Burney Morriss. The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet with the Young People at Epworth Church 6:30 p. m. There will be no vesper service this Sunday in Fifth Street Church as we are uniting with the other Methodists of the city in a union service at the Epworth Methodist Church, 7:30, p. m., with Bishop John C. Broomfield, preaching on "Three Words of Advice for 1943."

CONGREGATIONAL-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Corner Sixth and Osage, Rev. Jesse G. Smith, Minister. Miss Mabel DeWitt, Organist- Director. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Mrs. W. C. Housel, Superintendent. Morning Worship Hour, 10.45 a. m. Sermon topic "Retrospect." Special music. Annual meeting of the First Congregational church, Wednesday, December 30th, 1942, at 7:30 p. m., in the Sunday school room of the church. Christine L. Landman, clerk.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD, 6th and Emmett streets. Rev. Elmer D. Kretzinger, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., E. W. Schultz, Superintendent. Classes for all ages. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. P. Y. P. A. meets at 6:30 p. m. Donald Vanderlinden in charge. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Evangalistic message by the pastor. Choir and orchestra taking part. Service Tuesday and Friday night, at 7:30.

GOSPEL TABERNACLE 27th and Washington st. Pastor: Rev. Ervin Kelley. Sunday school superintendent, Elot Huffman. Sunday school, 9:45. Preaching 11:00 a. m. Young people league, 6:45 p. m. Mrs. Ervin Kelley, president. Sunday night Evangelist service. Sermon by pastor subject "Crown of Reward."

Regular service: Wednesday and Friday at 7:45 p. m. Wednesday night is young people" night.

Our K. Y. B. church will not meet until after New Years.

EAST SEDALIA BAPTIST CHURCH, 5th and Summit, Rev. W. P. Arnold, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:30, a. m., E. E. Lingle in charge. Morning service 10:30 a. m., Special music by the adult choir. B. T. U. 6:30, Mrs. John Smethers, Director. Evening services, 7:30 p. m. Special music by the Young People's choir. Wm. Morgan in charge of the music at all services.

Monday 6:30 p. m. Sunday school cabinet meeting. Young People's Training Union Visitation and Social in the evening at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smethers , 922 E. 14th street.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., Training Union business and program planning meeting. At this meeting we hope to organize a new Young People's Training Union.

Wednesday, 7:30. Prayer meeting—The Young People's Training Union in charge.

Thursday, an all church watch service from 9:00 p. m., until midnight. Young People in charge of the social hour. All members of the congregation welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. R. W. Leazer, Pastor, Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., Wm. L. Reed, superintendent. Worship service 10:35 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Training Union 6:15, Francis Rudd, director. Evening service, All student night.

Sunday 5:15, Training Union executive committee meeting. Monday, 7:30 p. m., Training Union officers council. Tuesday, 8:00 p. m. Young People's party. Soldiers who are home for Christmas holidays are to be honored guests. Wednesday, Auxiliary promotion day. Banquet at 6:30. Thursday, Teacher's meeting, 7:00, Prayer meeting at 8:00 followed by a watch party. Friday, In keeping with the national movement to observe January 1 as a day of prayer throughout the nation, the Sedalia churches through the Ministerial Alliance have planned three special periods of prayer, 10:00 to 11:00 a. m., 12:15 to 12:45 p. m., 7:30 p. m. The program will be:

Theme: Keeping Christ Pre-eminent, Pastor presiding.

Part one, Twenty Minutes.

Prelude, "Unto Us a Child Is Born," Handel.

A Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving.

Hymn, "All Hail the Power," Coronation.

Antiphonal scripture reading.

Offertory, "Near to the Heart of God," McAfee, (Quartet or violin.)

Part two, Forty minutes.

Ties Between the Home, Church and Student Activities.

A symposium of College life:

"Priorities for the Christian College Student."

"Joys from Christian Service During College Days."

Hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns." Elvey.

High school quartet.

Message, "Keeping Christ Pre-eminent in Student Days," Pastor.

A prayer for courage and strength.

Postlude, "The Hallelujah Chorus." Handel (Congregation standing.)

The hours are arranged so as to make it possible for everyone to attend one of the prayer meetings.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH, 4th and Vermont. Oscar J. Rumpf, Pastor. Church school 9:30. William Schwenk, superintendent. Church worship 10:45. Topic, "And They Marvelled At Him." Youth Fellowship 7:30 of all teen age group.

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Broadway and Ohio streets. Fordyce E. Eastburn, Rector. December 27, Feast of Saint John, the Evangenist. 8:00 a. m. Holy Communion. 9:30 a. m. Church school. 11:00 a. m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. "St. John, Apostle and Evangelist." January 1, New Year's Day. 10:00 a. m., Holy Communion.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, Broadway and Moniteau, Rev. J. R. Sumners, Pastor. Bible school, 9:30 a. m., B. B. Bradley, Superintendent, E. E. Swafford, associate. Morning worship 10:45. Pastor's sermon subject. "Missing the Inn" Luke 2:7. Training Union 6:15 p. m., E. H. Schumaker assembly leader. Evening worship 7:30 Sermon subject: "The End" Ezk. 7:2.

Training Union officer's council, Monday evening, 7:30 with the executive committee meeting at 7:15.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30, studying the seventh chapter of John.

HUGHESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. Nelson Reagan, Pastor. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m., Harland Hoffman, superintendent. Preaching at 11:10 a. m. B. T. U. 7:00 p. m. Mrs. Richard Wiseman, director Preaching 8:00 p. m.

BROADWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Broadway at Kentucky. Herman M. Janssen, Pastor. Clyde Heynen, church school superintendent. Miss Francis Hines, organist. The Church school convenes promptly at 9:45 a. m., and the service of worship begins at 10:45 a. m. The adult choir will sing. Junior message: "Jesus and Children—Children and Jesus". Sermon: "One Resolution," a message for the closing year. Christmas candle light service, 4:30 p. m., Sunday. The Christmas Candle Light Service postponed last Sunbecause of the ice, will be held Sunday at 4:30 p. m. A mixed choir assisted by organ and violin will render a program of Christmas music. The Sunday school will meet for a brief program at 5:45.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Seventh and Massachusetts. Rev. A. W. Kokendoffer Minister. Mrs. H. O. Foraker, director of music. Miss Frances Brunkhorst, assistant.

Bible school at 9:30. C. F. Scotten superintendent.

Morning worship and communion at 10:45. Subject of sermon: "What Is Your Life?" Special music, The chorus choir will sing the anthem "O Come To my Heart, Lord Jesus." by Ambrose, with Roy Petty singing the solo parts. Bob Green will be the guest soloist.

There will be no meeting of the young people Sunday evening.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Seventeenth St., and Harrison avenue. Rev. E. S Brummet, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a. m. Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Evening service 7:30 p. m. Preyer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, Sixth street and Lamine avenue. Sunday school is held at 9:30 a. m., for persons under the age of 20. Sunday services are at 11:00 a. m.

Subject: Christian Science.

Golden Text: John 14:15-17. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

Wednesday evening testimonial meetings are at 8:00 p. m. The public is invited to enjoy the privileges of the reading room located in the same building entrance on Sixth street. It is open to the public each afternoon from 2:00 until 4:00, except Sunday and holidays, also after the Wednesday evening meetings. The Bible, and writings of Mary Baker Eddy and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read at this room.

TRINITY LUTHERAN, Tenth and Osage. Church services 9:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Herman Janssen of the Broadway Presbyterian church. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

ST. PATRICK—Sunday masses: 6:30, 8:00 and 10:00 a. m. Week day mass 8:00 a. m. Novena services 7:30 o'clock every Tuesday night. Rev. A. J. Biter, pastor.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH, Spring Fork. Masses at 8 o'clock on the second and fourth and fifth Sundays. And at 10 on the first and third Sunday and on Holy days. Hours for all masses advanced one hour during the summer months.

SACRED HEART—Rev. A. J. Brunswick, C. PP. S. pastor. Masses Sunday 6:00, 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30. Weekday masses 7:30 and 8:30 a. m. in school chapel for school children. Holy Communion weekdays 6:40 in chapel, Holy hour Friday evening, chapel, 7:30 p. m.

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Go To Church This Sunday

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Horace Mann PTA Meeting

Progress Given By Children, Tea Follows

The Horace Mann P. T. A. held its regular meeting, Tuesday night. The business session was held, with Mrs. F. T. Rucker, president, presiding.

Rev. J. W. Watts, 1605 South Carr gave the devotional. He read the Christmas story from the 2nd chapter of St. Luke's gospel. Rev. Watts praised the story given by St. Luke, because of its simplicity, because of the announcement of the birth of Christ to the humble shepherds, and of the angelic song, "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

A Christmas program was given by the children of the school, under the direction of Miss Ida May Redkey. A Christmas play, "Oh, come Let Us Adore Him", which introduced loved Christmas hymns, was presented by the following characters.

Reader, Delores Furnell.

Three Shepherds, Carl Henderson, Carl Whiteman, Wayne Yonce.

Mechior, Carl Jett.

Caspar, Jean Hayes.

Balthazar, Keith Harris.

Three Angels, Peggy Ellis, Patricia Griswald, Henrietta Simon.

Mary, Margie Ann Ghosen.

Joseph, Dale Cramer.

Jeannette, Maxine Coon.

Isabella, Betty Vandermerwe.

Soloist, Patricia Griswold.

The entire fourth grade played "Silent Night," and "White Christmas was played by the school orchestra.

Members of the orchestra are: Donald Elliott, Donnie Harrison, Alma Hall, Betty Gamber, Mary Ann Albers, Marjorie Shipps, Elizabeth Strain, Billy Schwenk, Billy Buhlig, Vernon Sutherlin, Denzil Harris and Audrey Cramer.

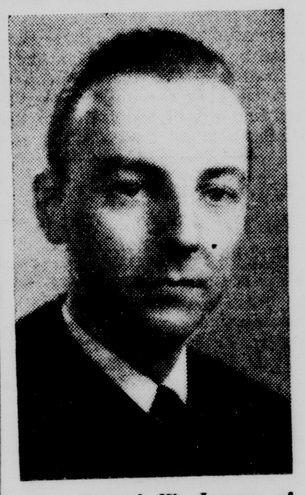
Members of the chorus are: Arlene Kramer, Mary Lou Whitte, Jeanne Nichols, Donnis Michael, Dorothy Wasson, Eva Mae Wheatly, Marilyn Terry, Betty Bradley, Ramona Arvieux, Jimmy Watts, Hearld Merriott, Albert Shoe, Dwight Cramer, Lee Mowery, Glen Smiley, Junior Carter, Arthur Spraggin, Norman Fabra, Bobby Harrison, Henry Closser, Junior Hill, and Leland Smiley.

The accompanist was Audrey Cramer.

Immediately following the program a Christmas tea was enjoyed.

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Sunday Guest



Rev. Samuel W. Jesnen, of Bluffs, Ill., will be a guest minister at the Trinity Lutheran church, Tenth street and Osage avenue, Sunday morning. He will speak on "The Growing Church," Text: Luke: 2:40. He will preach at 10:45 o'clock in the morning. Sunday school will be at 9:30, the usual hour. Rev. Jensen, who is pastor of St. John's Evangelical church, in Bluffs, will be accompanied to Sedalia by his wife.

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PAWHUSKA, Okla.,—There was no peace in the Osage county jail today. Authorities made arrangements to release him—Indian Joe Peace—as a Christmas gesture. He was the only inmate and had almost completed his sentence on three misdemeanor convictions.

Christmas In North Africa

Improvisations And Substitutions For U. S. Soldiers

BY RUSSELL LANDSTROM

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, December 25—(AP)—From the foxholes and slit trenches of the front lines to the rambling Rue Michelet in Algiers, Christmas for American soldiers in North Africa will be a day of improvisations and substitutions.

Although fighting at the front has temporarily subsided, there obviously cannot be much true cheer there. But the soldiers appreciate what has been done to make Christmas a little better than other days.

An extraordinary hustle behind the lines made it possible for many Americans in the forward areas to get Christmas mail. Army postoffice staffs have been on a 24-hour schedule for weeks and even had Arabs helping sort mail.

Stars and Stripes, the army newspaper, said virtually every soldier in North Africa received at least one letter from the States.

But some men, eager to hear from wives, mothers and sweethearts, were exasperated by some of the stuff sent them. One private showed a mail order catalog which had been forwarded three times.

Treat Orphan Children

In order to give a treat to hundreds of orphan children, members of the 12th Air Force, working with the Red Cross, devoted weeks to gathering special food supplies, including fowl and materials for tasty deserts, in the country.

There is a Christmas eve mass in Algiers cathedral especially for American and British troops and religious services at other churches, too.

A large number of French families have invited Americans and British to spend Christmas with them, and in many instances the guests will take something along with them for dinner.

Cold steak, kidney pie, canned puddings from army rations, eaten cold while crouched behind a wall at the front with bullets ripping overhead may become detested fare, but in the hands of a good cook and served hot in a convivial circle with the warmth of wine and fellowship they may become very good indeed.

$50,000 To Missouri And Illinois Farmers

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25—(AP)—Checks totaling about $50,000 will be distributed to 35000 farmers in Missouri and Illinois in settlement of a controversy over price increases for milk ordered by the Department of Agriculture for the St. Louis market.

The money has been held in escrow by milk distributers, who protested the increases, covering October and November.

A. D. Lynch, secretary-manager of the Sanitary Milk Producers' association, said today the higher prices had been confirmed by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and the escrow fund would be paid to the farmers by Dec. 31.

French Mission To United States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—(A French military mission, headed by General Marie Emile Bethourart, arrived in the United States by plane Thursday to coordinate the supply of equipment for French forces fighting with the allied troops in North Africa.

Fewer Dinners For Starving 'Dobbins'

No Way Of Delivery, Horses Must Come To Humane Society

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 25.—(AP)There'll be free dinners again this Christmas Day for aged, starving horses, but—

The deliveryman is out of gas.

"All I got is an 'A' book, buddy, so I just can't take the feed around like I used to," explained 73-year-old George Francis, Humane Society employee.

"All I could do this year is put a piece in the paper and hope the horses can all come down here to eat. If it's icy, though, a lot of them can't make it; they haven't any shoes."

Last year he climbed into his car and delivered a bushel of ground oats apiece to a hundred decrepit plugs—"you know, the streets used to be full of them, with some guy beatin' them on the back tryin' to make a living."

This year's cafeteria-style menu is a bit fancier. George says they'll get prepared horse-and-mule feed, and corn—"and if a horse likes an apple, I guess we'll get him an apple!"

Fewer Dinners

What with no gas and maybe no shoes—and horse meat in butcher shops—George doesn't expect more than 25 or 30 at this year's dinner.

"Selling horse meat everywhere has sure been cutting down the number of old horses," he confided. "We buy it for our dogs, too. Say, buddy, can you talk a little louder? Them dogs in the basement is making quite a noise."

The late Mrs. Emma Robinson of Olathe, Kas., philanthropist who died ten years ago, started the Free Christmas oats custom with the aid of her friend Mrs. Edwin D. Hornbrook of Kansas City, in the early 1900's.

They distributed feed each Christmas for 24 years then Mrs. Robinson, dying, left a $10,000 trust fund to make the Yuletide oats perpetual.

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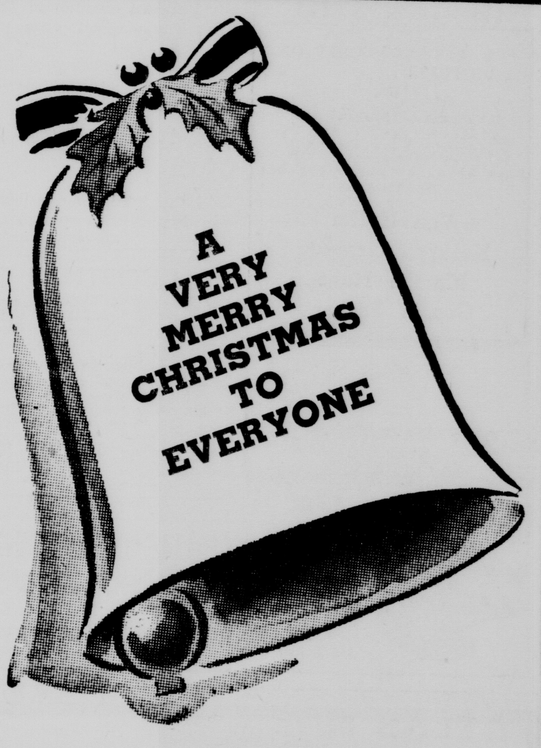
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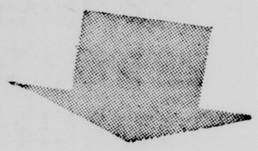
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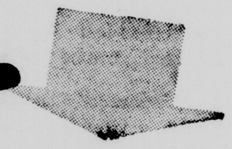
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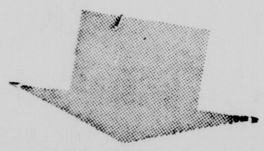


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Midwest In Gain For GOP

Wins About Half Of House Victories There

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—The 12 midwestern states proved the biggest bulwark for the Republicans in the Nov. 3 elections. A tabulation of final official figures Thursday showed the G. O. P. won just about half of its house victories—103 out of 209—in that section.

Although the Democrats won a narrow majority of the house membership —222—the compilation disclosed that the Republicans polled a larger combined popular vote in the congressional races over the nation for the first time in 14 years.

The total vote in the house contests throughout the country was only 28,111,583, the smallest in any national election in 22 years. Even the highest vote in each state, whether for senator, governor, representative-at-large, or the combined district votes for representatives, totaled only 30,-024,927, lowest since the 29,058,-647 cast in the Coolidge-Davis-La-Follette presidential contest in 1924.

Of the total congressional vote, the Republicans polled 14,217,-320 or 50.6 per cent. The Democrats polled 13,231,245, or 47.4 per cent, and other parties 563,018, or 2.0 per cent. In the last off-year elections in 1938 the Republicans rolled up only 47.3 per cent of the total against the Democrats 49 per cent. Other parties polled 3.7.

The vote by sections disclosed that the Republicans achieved their popular plurality in the house races despite the fact that they polled only 459,559 votes against 1,560,698 by the Democrats in the 11 southern states plus the political "border" states of Kentucky and Oklahoma, or 22.6 per cent against 76.8 per cent. Other parties got only 11,372 votes for 0.6 per cent of the total in those states.

The Republicans polled 54.7 per cent of the aggregate in the midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Their popular total there was 6,200,505. The Democrats had 4,754,602, or 41.9 per cent, and other parties 381,544, or 3.4 per cent. The Republican total was a gain of 4 per cent over 1938; the Democratic a loss of 2.3.

In electing 103 house members in the midwest against 25 for the Democrats, the Republicans gained 23 seats in that region over 1938 and the Democrats lost 29.

The Republicans had a combined plurality also in the 12 eastern states, 51.8 per cent against 47.2 for the Democrats; and in the aggregate vote of the 11 far western states, 49.6 per cent against 48.8.

In the east, the G. O. P. elected 79 house members compared with 74 four years ago; the Democrats 53 against 61. In the far west the Republicans won 23 seats against nine in 1938; the Democrats 28 against 34.

Considered state by state, rather than by sections, the Republicans had pluralities in the house voting in 27 states which will have 344 electoral votes in the 1944 presidential race, or 78 more than a majority. The Democrats had pluralities in 21 states with 187 electoral votes.

This is not necessarily a true comparison, however, when senatorial and gubernatorial contests are considered. North Dakota, for instance, reelected its Democratic governor by a big majority this year but gave the Republicans nearly double the combined Democratic vote in the house contests.

The total congressional vote in the nation was only about 50 per cent of roughly estimated number of eligibles and slightly more than half of the 50,000,000 who voted in the 1940 presidential contest.

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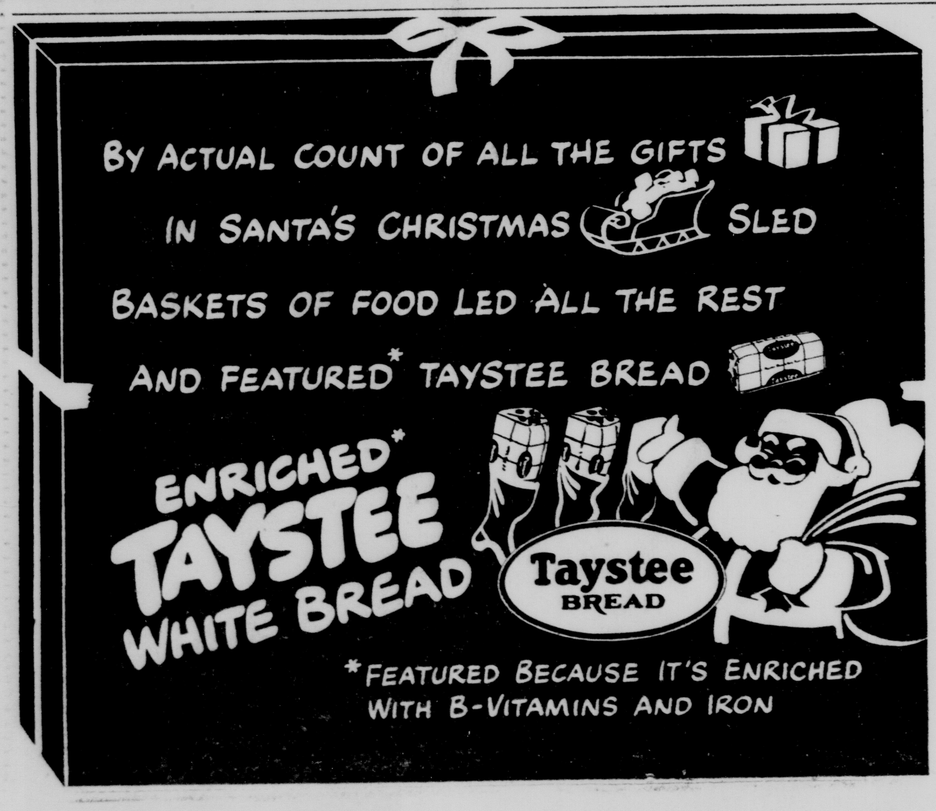


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Funds Of Saboteurs To Go For Bullets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—Hitler sent it over and he can have it back—as bullets—Attorney General Biddle said in effect today as he directed the FBI to turn over to the treasury $174,-588.62 brought to this country by eight Nazi spy-saboteurs last June.

The money was found hidden under rugs, in false bottom bags and sundry hiding places after the eight invaders had been rounded up by G-men.

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Down the railroad to Rostov Russian troops are rolling in an offensive aimed at cutting off German troops in the Stalingrad and Caucasus areas. Map shows how twin Soviet thrusts to Rostov might chop up the enemy-held area.

Skimpy Christmas For Germany And Sattelites

By EDWIN SHANKE

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 25—(AP)—Germany and her satellites and the countries they have overrun are spending the dreariest, skimpiest Christmas of the war with fear of what is to come hanging heavily over the home hearth and the fighting front.

Christmas for the Germans normally is a gay family event, but for most of them that is out of the question this year. Many fathers, sons and brothers are fighting for their lives in Russia for the second successive year and unable to return home because of the bitter defensive battle. Countless others lie dead in the Russian snows, or desert sands.

Dispatches reaching Stockholm reflected the atmophere of gloom hanging over the German capital and other German cities, with the Christmas tree and gift table almost bare because of the scarcity of goods, and the dinner table reduced to simple rationed fare.

Although the Russian-Finnish front was reported quiet, Christmas in Finland "on the whole is leaner and drearier" than ever before, a Swedish correspondent wrote.

Danes are spending Christmas saddened by what is recognized as a progressive oppression by Germany.

Nevertheless ,the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet said, optimism was increasing, because "perhaps most Danes strongly believe this will be the last wartime Christmas."

From Norway came reports of a new wave of terror, with the Gestapo swooping down on isolated Norwegian towns, arresting persons suspected of anti-new order activities, confiscating weapons and secret radios and seizing foodstuffs.

Never before has Christmas come to Italy with "so little cheer," a Swedish correspondent in Rome reported.

Hundreds of thousands, especially in northern Italy, were homeless and "the fear of bombardment hangs over the land as perhaps no other country in Europe, while in Africa the axis forces are fighting on the last bit of the destroyed Italian colonial empire," he added.

Auto Fender Is Damaged In A Collsion

Thursday evening at 4:46 o'clock an automobile driven by Private Earl Edwards, of 2323 South Missouri avenue, was damaged when a car driven by Mrs. H. L. Webster, colored, 413 West Cooper, pulled out from the curb. Edwards' car, a Ford, had a fender damaged. Mrs. Webster was driving a Ford sedan. Each gave $10 bond to appear in police court.

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Russell E. Hardner, Jr., state OPA director for eastern Missouri, said issuing of the coupons will begin Monday with the assistance of 50 St. Louis volunteer school teachers.

Consumers should pay their dealers the coupons due for oil delivered on promissory notes since dealers have been notified they no longer are authorized to operate on that basis, Gardner explained. Under the rationing regulation coupons are due by the end of the month.

Collided With Truck

A Chevrolet truck of J. E. Paxton, parked on the west side of Engineer avenue at Seventh street was struck Thursday evening by a truck going south on Engineer driven by John Mallsgarber. A fender on the Paxton truck was damaged. Settlement was made at the scene by the two drivers.

Pettis Chapter No. 279 O. E. S. will meet in regular session Friday evening Dec. 25 at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting members welcome. Christmas party after the meeting with an exchange of a ten cent gift. Families and friends of members are invited.

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Society and Clubs

Miss Ruth Ann Slane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thomas Slane, 916 West Sixth street, and Master Sergeant Victor A. McFadden, of Pendleton Field, Ore., son of Mrs. Maude McFadden, 540 East Fourth street, and the late Victor E. McFadden, were married at Sacred Heart church at 11 o'clock this morning. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father A. J. Brunswick, pastor of the church.

Attending the bride and bridegroom were Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Kidd, Jr., and witnessing the ceremony were only relatives and a few close friends of the couple.

The bride wore an ivory white jersey frock, with black accessories, and Mrs. Kidd was in a suit of gold color, also with black accessories.

Miss Slane's corsage was of talisman roses, and Mrs. Kidd wore a bouquet of white roses.

Miss Slane, now Mrs. McFadden, was born and reared in Sedalia, was graduated from Sacred Heart grade school and the Smith-Cotton high school, being an honor graduate. She has been very active in girl scout leadership, and now holds the position of office secretary for the Girl Scout Council.

Sergeant McFadden was likewise born and reared here. He was graduated from St. Patrick's school, and the Smith-Cotton high school in the same class with his bride, tnen completed a two-year course at the Junior College, Parsons, Kas. He has been in the army three and one-half years. He will return to his station in Oregon on the 26th, and his bride will remain here for a while, joining him later.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Redmond and daughter, Miss Mary Catherine, are spending Christmas with their daughter and sister, Mrs. William F. Farren, Jr., and family in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Stuart, 220 South Quincy avenue, have as their Christmas day guests Mrs. Stuart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crole and children, Barbara and Earl of La Monte and Mr. Stuart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stuart and children, Marshall and Earl.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bond, 404 East Seventeenth street, have as their Christmas day guests Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin Miss Daisy Martin and Henry Martin. The celebration is also in honor of Mr. Henry Martin's seventy-third birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wright and daughter, Mildred, 1002 South Ohio avenue have as their Christmas guests their daughters and sisters, Mrs. Cecil Kelly and Mr. Kelly of Hughesville and Mrs. Harry Kinder and Mr. Kinder.

Miss Patricia Quinn, attending Maryville College, St. Louis, arrived home Thursday night, accompanied by a school mate, Miss Beatriz Torrez, of Bogota, Columbia, South America.

Miss Torrez will be the guest of Miss Quinn and Miss Mary McGrath, also a Maryville student, while here.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Campbell and family, of East Broadway, had as Christmas dinner guests his sister, Mrs. Uel Shobe and Mrs. Shobe, of Clinton, also his brother-in-law, John D. Burriss, and Miss Kathryn E. Spangler, also of Clinton.

Mrs. F. L. Ludemann, 303 West Fifth street, has as her guest over Christmas her daughter, Mrs. Ella Mae Wentworth, and her grandson Ralph Wentworth, the latter a student at Harvard University. Mrs. Wentworth resides in Webster Groves.

Mrs. Ludemann's son Lieutenant F. L. Ludemann, Jr., of Robbins Field, Georgia, expects to arrive in Sedalia next week to spend a few days visiting with his mother.

Christmas Program At High Point

A Christmas program, presented by the pupils of High Point school, under the direction of Miss Henrietta Stevens and Mrs. John Dirck, was composed of the following numbers:

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, orchestra.

Reading, Virginia Lesley.

Reading for Christmas, Harold Bishop.

Star Drill, pupils of Room One.

Pageant, "Christ is Born"—pupils of Room Two.

"Christmas Eve", pupils of Room One.

After the program, Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children, and there was a gift exchange among members of the P. T. A.

School was dismissed until January 4.

100,000 Seamen Needed

More than 100,000 seamen and officers will be needed to sail the 2300 new ships expected to be built by the end of next year.

Prospects In Combat Areas Are Better

War Secretary Says Reverses May Be Expected

By WILLIAM F. FRYE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said Thursday that the military prospects in all combat zones were definitely favorable for the United Nations, but tempered the statement with a warning that large casualties and even serious reverses couud be expected before victory was won.

"Christmas this year holds much brighter prospects for the future of the United Nations than did Christmas a year ago," he told a press conference.

"At that time we were on the defensive almost everywhere, wondering where the axis would strike next. Now the axis is on the defensive and I imagine their high command is considerably concerned about where we will strike next."

Delayed By Weather

Operations in North Africa, Stimson reported, have been delayed by bad weather, but the allied army command by Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower appears to have "a fairly good margin" of numerical strength and allied fliers are destroying two planes for every one lost in aerial combat.

The secretary remarked that the Germans apparently were preparing for an attempt to turn the right flank of the allied line in southern Tunisia, where they were being met by French forces "under the inspiring leadership of General Giraud, who has been rendering very important and timely services to the British and American troops."

Both sides have brought up reinforcements during the past two weeks in preparation for an impending clash for possession of Tunis and Bizerte, Stimson said, and the Germans possess an immediate advantage in existing air bases. However, he added, "we have the advantage in the mounting size of our forces and in developing new bases."

Communications Improved

"We are constantly improving our lines of communication, particularly in the Mediterranean, which is now far safer for convoys than it was before the North African landings," he said.

Praise for the bravery of Negro troops in North African operations came from Eisenhower in a dispatch to the war department. He mentioned particularly a Negro ordnance company which handled the delivery of high explosives at Arzew, near Oran, continuing to put bombs ashore under heavy fire.

Stimson said the war's most important campaign at present, both in size and in effect, was a three-pronged offensive launched by the Russians, who "are certainly making considerable progress" against the Germans.

In New Guinea, he said, increasing success marks the constant attacks by Australian and American troops under General Douglas Mac Arthur in the Buna area.

"Progress is slow because of the intricate nature of the Japanese defenses," the secretary remarked "but our well-coordinated attacks of infantry, artillery, armored units and airplanes are gradually overcoming that stubborn resistance.

"It is quite likely that the Japanese will continue to land troops in other sections to the north and northwest. I think that, so far as we can now see ahead, we must anticipate a long fight to clear all of the Japanese out of that island."

The American position was "definitely improved" in the Solomons, with supplies and reinforcements reaching Guadalcanal in a steady stream, Stimson reported. This improvement he credited "principally to the tremendous psychological effect, as well as the material results, of the striking achievements by the navy."

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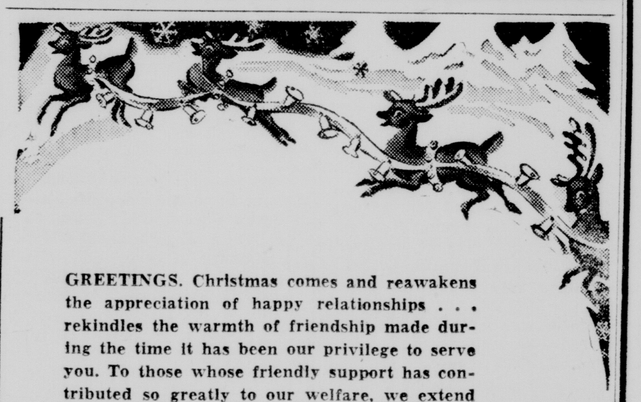
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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

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I. Kanter, Phone 656—118 E. Main
Andy Berry, Phone 587—820 S. Engineer
Fred Gehlken, Phone 674—734 E. 15th St.

Allies Drive Germans From High Position

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westward across Libya.

Whether the engagement at Medjez-El-Bab was a forerunner of the long-expected showdown battle for Tunisia was not immediately clear. Action in this area has been retarded of late by heavy rains.

Dispatches from North Africa quoted a spokeman at Allied headquarters as saying there had been a definite tendency on the part of both Allies and the enemy to increase night patrol operations on the north front.

"We cannot say what it may portend," he said, "but you can be sure this state of affairs cannot continue very long."

Axis To Tunisia

The spokesman said the enemy was continually moving more troops into Tunisia in preparation for a showdown and added grimly:

"Undoubtedly he's got a hell of a lot of stuff there."

Just back from the front, the spokesman made it plain, however, that the Allies also were rapidly strengthening their forward positions.

"I was most impressed by the the superb motor convoy system which the British are using to move supplies and equipment into Tunisia," he said. "They are doing an incredibly good job of moving great convoys day and night through mud over dangerous roads."

The Brazzaville radio, meanwhile, broadcast an announcement that Fighting French forces coming up from the Lake Chad area in Equatorial Africa had routed an Axis motorized detachment in the Bezzan region of Southern Libya.

The exact locale was not given, but it apparently was some 300 or 400 miles south of Tripoli.

There was little news from the Libyan front, although there was no indication that Rommel had yet made any attempt at a stand. British patrols were reported engaging Rommel's rearguards, but the advance of the main force of the Eighth Army apparently still was being delayed by minefields.

Christmas Is Only Holiday Nation Takes

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was interrupted briefly by news of Admiral Darlan's assassination. The president promptly issued a statement denouncing the deed as a cowardly murder.

With Mrs. Roosevelt, he planned today to attend morning church services and to carve turkey at a family dinner in the evening.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 25—(AP)—Albert A. Schmidt, marine private from Philadelphia, had little to look forward to in the way of Christmas lying in a bunk at the Naval hospital.

But friends back home heard about his feat—killing more than 200 Japs in the battle of the Tenaru river on Guadalcanal last August at the last count, Schmidt had received more than 500 Christmas cards and letters.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25—(AP)—Forest L. McElfresh began losing his eyesight five months ago. An examination showed little hope for recovery.

Fellow workers at the Henry J. Kaiser shipyard in Vancouver, Wash., discloced today they had raised $5,500 to buy a home and magazine and candy business for McElfresh, former erection superintendent from Shiloh, Ohio.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 25—(AP)—Pvt. Kenneth Koon, credited with slaying 31 Japs as they swarmed over an American tank in the Solomons last August, had everything for Christmas today.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Koon were here, sent by the Summitville, Ind., American legion post which raised $400 for the trip. his fiance, Miss Laura Smith of Pontiac, Mich., was at his bedside, too.

The school kids at Summitville gave him a watch, bought with dimes and nickles skimped from lunch money and the high school girls knitted him an afghan.

Koon's leg was shattered by an explosive bullet. He recently underwent an operation.

Alagir, At End Of Spur Railway Snatched By Reds From The Germans

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weeks ago. The Nazi army apparently was attempting to get in position for a drive across the Caucasus mountains into the rich Caucasian oil fields which border the Caspian sea.

While the new offensive moved forward, Red army troops in the middle Don area mopped up a large area just north of the Stalingrad-Likhaya railway about 155 miles west of Stalingrad.

Last night's special communique said that in eight days of fighting in the middle don area Russian troops had advanced from 85 to 120 miles and captured 42,200 Axis soldiers. The communique reported 6,000 more Axis troops killed there, raising to 50,000 the enemy dead so far announced.

The pursuit of retreating units continued last night, the mid-day communique said, and in one sector "a slanting blow" at a strongly fortified point was reported to have killed 650 more Germans. A train loaded with German equipment, was reported captured on another sector.

Axis Launches Counterattack

The Germans were reported in an aggressive temper southwest of Stalingrad, launching several counterattacks, but the Russians said a German advance in one sector had been wiped out and the Russians were continuing their offensive where possible.

In one sector in this area "a height of great strategical importance" was reported captured after an engagement in which 1,000 enemy officers and men were killed. Northwest of the Volga city Soviet airmen raided a German airdrome during the night and destroyed five planes, the mid-day communique said.

The Russians drive on the central front in the region west of Rzhev and in the Velikie Luki area seemed to have slowed.

Each town and village falling to the Red army in the Don country increased the danger for the 22 German divisions in the Don-Volga region. Transport planes now must fly almost from Rostov to supply the German troops there because numerous German airdromes have been occupied by the Russians.

Son Born December 19

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Decker, 1421 South Ohio avenue, announce the birth of a son, Clyde Eugene, born at their home Saturday morning, December 19.

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Twenty-two Year Old Assassin Caught Seconds After Shot Was Fired

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cabinet, who said Petain sent to North Africa as his deputy.

Gen. Jean Marie Bergeret, former secretary of aviation in the French cabinet, and close associate of Darlan, said the admiral was "the victim of an assassin inspired by those who did not pardon him for having taken up arms on the side of the allies against Germany."

The assassin was said to be 22 years old. There was no official announcement immediately identifying him or giving a specific motive for his act. He used a .25 caliber revolver.

(The federal communications reported hearing a Paris radio broadcast declaring that Darlan was killed by a young Frenchman.)

Gen. Bergeret called upon all Frenchmen to unite "for the only fight that counts—the liberation of France."

Making New Alignments

Thus less than 12 hours after a 22-year-old assassin ended the puzzling career of Admiral Darlan, new realignments were in the making. The extent of these changes could not be estimated today.

Darlan, who brought French forces to the allied side under an arrangement with U. S. Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower after resisting briefly, but furiously, the allied occupation of French Morocco and Algieria, was wounded mortally yesterday afternoon as he was about to enter his office in the government palace.

Five shots rang out in the corridor leading to Darlan's office and the little admiral, who had followed Marshal Petain with almost fanatical zeal for more than two years, slumped to the floor at the doorway.

Priest In Attendance

Darlan died just before his ambulance reached the hospital. The last sacrament was administered by a military priest.

A French communique said the assassin was arrested in the palace but his identity and his reasons for the act were not announced. The communique said it was "not known whether the assassination was of German or Italian origin. The nationality of the assassin is unknown."

Darlan's body remained through the night in the hospital chapel with a guard of marine officers.

Denounced As Murder

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—President Roosevelt Thursday night denounced the assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan as "murder in the first degree."

The text of his statement:

"The cowardly assassination of Admiral Darlan is murder in the first degree.

"All leaders of all the United Nations will agree with that statement.

"Nazism and Fascism and military despotism hold otherwise. I hope that speedy, justice will overtake the murderer or murderers of Admiral Darlan."

Shock At Capital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—The assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan came as a shock to this capital, even to those who questioned the wisdom of American dealings with the former Vichy leaders.

There was a general disposition to regret his violent death no matter how much controversy his policies since the fall of France have engendered.

The news was relayed to the White House, where President Roosevelt was in the midst of the Christmas eve observance.

Officials began checking for details and sought to assay the effect on the North African situation.

Whatever the facts of the case, it was considered certain that axis propagandists would seek to make capital of it, reading sinister meanings into it and using it as a lever to wean away Frenchmen from the allied cause.

Exert Unity Efforts

By ROBERT E. BUNNELLE

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The assassination of Admiral Darlan may have settled in one stroke the most difficult diplomatic problem which has confronted the allies since the beginning of the war.

The death of the former collaborationist wrote a bloody new chapter in unfortunate France's participation in the present war, which has reached one sensational climax after another.

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"Effects of the past are slowly disappearing. Yesterday we were forced to wait. Today we are fighting again.

"In the 15 months when I held the post of vice-prime minister in the French cabinet nothing of importance was handed over to the Germans.

Visitors Take Part In Service

Two young former Sedalians, one a priest, the other studying for the priesthood, took part in the Christmas services at St. Patrick's church today. They are Lieutenant Edward Comer, chaplain in the army, stationed at Camp Forest, Tenn., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Comer, 609 South Lafayette avenue, and Clement Ilmberger, a student at St. Bonaventure Seminary, St. Bonaventure, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Ilmberger, 509 East Fourth street.

At the midnight mass Father J. A. Biter was the celebrant, Lieutenant Comer the deacon, Father J. A. Corbit, sub-deacon, and Clement Ilmberger, master of ceremonies.

Home Troubles If Women Work

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Lucrative war jobs for women are giving St. Louis' two city courts new problems in domestic relations.

Police Judges George J. Grellner and Joseph B. Catanzaro have been watching a noticeable increase in martial disturbances attributed to "to much money and women neglecting their homes to work when it is not necessary."

Several couples have been in court charged with fighting for the first time in many years of married life, Judge Catanzaro said.

One husband complained to the judge that his wife refused to quit work although his income was sufficient for their family of three children.

"She works nights and I work days. What a home!" he said.



FOR VICTORY IN '43. Air force gunnery students at Harlingen, Tex., say it with guns and bullets. The "Class of 43-1," training to be gunners on bombers, used belts of .50 caliber machine gun bullets to spell out their New Year's greeting.

• Obituaries

Herbert Miller

Herbert Miller, 70, father of Mrs. E. W. Hoberecht, 4709 Grand avenue, Kansas City, formerly of Sedalia, died Tuesday at the St. John hospital at Springfield, Mo. He was an engineer with the Frisco railroad. He began his railroad career with the old Blair line that once operated out of Sheffield. Besides Mrs. Hoberecht, he leaves his wife, Mrs. Lena Miller of the home; three sons, William Miller of the home; Kenneth Miller, Washington, and John Miller, Springfield; a daughter, Mrs. Keith Rhodes, Seymour, Mo., and a nephew, Robert N. Miller, 5130 Hudson road, Johnson County, Kansas.

Thomas H. Rector

Thomas H. Rector, 82 years old, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Smith, 1401 South Park, at 9:15 o'clock Thursday evening. Although he had been in failing health for two years, his condition did not become critical until Saturday morning .

He was born in Pettis County near Postal, March 2, 1860, the son of the late Nimrod and Amanda Rector. He has lived his entire life in Pettis county, the last seven years in Sedalia. June 5, 1879 he was married to Lucinda Lee, who died fourteen years ago.

Besides the daughter with whom he made his home, Mr. Rector is survived by one son, W. T. Rector, Beaman, Mo., four half-brothers, Walker Hyatt, Beaman, Mo., Wilson Hyatt, Canada. Elmer Hyatt, Beaman, Mo., and Jasper Hyatt, of the state of Kansas; one sister, Mrs. Mollie Monsees, Smithton, Mo. He was preceded in death by one daughter.

Funeral services will be held at the Olive Branch Baptist church at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment will be in the Lee family cemetery.

The body is at the Ewing funeral home.

Five Hundred Soldier Gifts

Five hundred Christmas packages, many shapes and sizes, but all colorfully wrapped, were taken to the Sedalia Army Air Field for soldiers on the field, from citizens of Sedalia this morning.

Included among the gifts were two hundred from employes of the J. A. Lamy Manufacturing Company, who had purchased $50 worth of cigarettes, and wrapped them, two packages each.

The appeal for these gifts, that no soldier would be without a Christmas gift, was made through the columns of The Democrat-Capital Thursday morning and night. The response was splendid and the army officers who came to Sedalia for them this morning were pleased and appreciative.

Many residents of Sedalia took it upon themselves to make the day a happy one for some less fortunate family. According to Miss Rosanne Dugan, in charge of the county relief work, numerous families were adopted and Christmas gifts and baskets of food were taken, or sent, into the homes.

Personals

Miss Alice McHugh, who is a WAAC stationed at Des Moines, Iowa, arrived Wednesday night and will return to Des Moines Friday. She was called here by the illness of her father, Con McHugh, 200 South Washington who is at the Bothwell hospital.

Miss Gertrude Zigg of Kansas City is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Connor, 414 East Seventh street.

Chief of Police H. "Zone" Anderson, and family are spending Christmas visiting with relatives and friends in Kansas City. They will return home today.

Chief Yeoman Norman Chasnoff, U. S. N., stationed at Burrwood, La., arrived Thursday for a visit during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Chasnoff, of 1401 West Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bax and his brother, Victor, of Houston, Texas, have arrived for a visit during the holidays with Mr. Bax's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bax, 612 Wilkerson street, and en route home following their stay here will stop at Muskogee, Okla., to visit the parents of Mrs. Bax, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Householder, former Sedalians.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Howe, 209½ West Sixth street, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Howe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Holtzen at Linn.

Miss Nola Montgomery, 808 East Broadway, has gone to Omaha, Neb., to visit Pvt. F. A. Schutte, stationed at Fort Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Holloway of Springfield are spending Christmas with Mrs. Holloway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wherley of Beaman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kearns, Morton, Ill., are spending Christmas with Mrs. Kearns' mother, Mrs. A. H. Meier, 320 West Sixth street, and other relatives.

Miss Aline McArthur of Lubbock, Texas, ishere for a visit with Miss Bertha Huerman, 1010 West Fourth street.

Miss Edna Mahnken, 618 East Seventeenth street, is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. C. G. Eckhoff, Mr. Eckhoff and son, Harold, in Sweet Springs. A family reunion will be held at the Eckhoff home.

Miss Virginia Leonard, 1320 South Ohio avenue, is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Ida Leonard at Knob Noster.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Russell, of Kansas City, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Russell's parent, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pulliam, 2001 East Broadway. Mr. and Mrs. Pulliam have with them also another daughter, Mrs. William Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sparks of Kansas City are spending Christmas with Mr. Spark's mother Mrs. E. B. Sparks and Mrs Spark's mother, Mrs. E. L. Wetzel.

Miss Lillian Sawford who teaches at Festes is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawford of Smithton.

Mrs. Ethel Griffen Sedalia and her daughter, Miss Millicent Griffen of Kansas City are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Lamm at Smithton.

Miss Wilma Garrett who is employed in Kansas City in a government position is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garrett 600 West Fifth street.

Mrs. William Solon is spending Christmas with her husband, Pvt Solon, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Mrs. Myrtle Gray Dies Thursday

Mrs. Myrtle Gray, 46, Negro died at her home, 716 West Pettis at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon after a short illness.

She is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Grant Parker of Sedalia; her husband, Irvin Gray and ten children, Clayburn Gray of Kansas City, Mayo and Quinton Gray of Sedalia, Mrs. Mary Stewart, Jewell, Lucille, Leona Edith May, Florine and Lemajean Gray, all of Sedalia. The youngest child, Lemajean, is five years old.

Mrs. Gray also leaves one grandchild, Delores Stewart, three sisters, Lema Parker and Sadie Parker of Sedalia and Margaret Parker of Kansas City and one brother, Pvt. Hinton Parker stationed at a training camp at Tuskegee, Ala.

The body was taken to the Ferguson funeral home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed pending word from the brother.

Woodmen Circle Elects Officers

At a meeting of the Woodmen Circle held Wednesday night the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. L. B. Shields.
Guardian, Mrs. Rosa Thomas.
Advisor, Mrs. Emma Kroencke
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Clerk, John Brandt.
Attendant, Mrs. Sina Brandt.
Chaplain, Mrs. Josie Atkinson.
Inner Sentinel, W. I. Thomas.
Auditors, Mrs. Amanda Callies and S. P. Tietza.

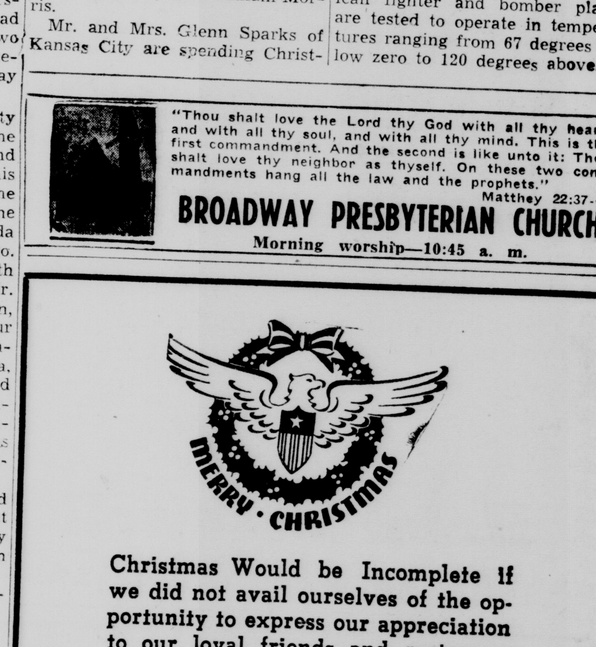
Engines built for use in American fighter and bomber planes are tested to operate in temperatures ranging from 67 degrees below zero to 120 degrees above.

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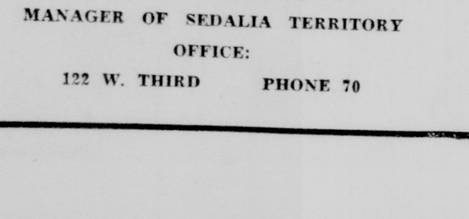
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CHRISTMAS—Every day we feel appreciative of the favors of our patrons and of all courtesies shown us but it is especially at the Christmas season we like to pause and think back over the pleasures derived from our business dealings. So here's wishing you the best of health, the most of wealth and the greater happiness than has been yours before.

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Allies Drive Germans From High Position

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westward across Libya.

Whether the engagement at Medjez-El-Bab was a forerunner of the long-expected showdown battle for Tunisia was not immediately clear. Action in this area has been retarded of late by heavy rains.

Dispatches from North Africa quoted a spokeman at Allied headquarters as saying there had been a definite tendency on the part of both Allies and the enemy to increase night patrol operations on the north front.

"We cannot say what it may portend," he said, "but you can be sure this state of affairs cannot continue very long."

Axis To Tunisia

The spokesman said the enemy was continually moving more troops into Tunisia in preparation for a showdown and added grimly:

"Undoubtedly he's got a hell of a lot of stuff there."

Just back from the front, the spokesman made it plain, however, that the Allies also were rapidly strengthening their forward positions.

"I was most impressed by the the superb motor convoy system which the British are using to move supplies and equipment into Tunisia," he said. "They are doing an incredibly good job of moving great convoys day and night through mud over dangerous roads."

The Brazzaville radio, meanwhile, broadcast an announcement that Fighting French forces coming up from the Lake Chad area in Equatorial Africa had routed an Axis motorized detachment in the Bezzan region of Southern Libya.

The exact locale was not given, but it apparently was some 300 or 400 miles south of Tripoli.

There was little news from the Libyan front, although there was no indication that Rommel had yet made any attempt at a stand. British patrols were reported engaging Rommel's rearguards, but the advance of the main force of the Eighth Army apparently still was being delayed by minefields.

Christmas Is Only Holiday Nation Takes

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With Mrs. Roosevelt, he planned today to attend morning church services and to carve turkey at a family dinner in the evening.

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The school kids at Summitville gave him a watch, bought with dimes and nickles skimped from lunch money and the high school girls knitted him an afghan.

Koon's leg was shattered by an explosive bullet. He recently underwent an operation.

Alagir, At End Of Spur Railway Snatched By Reds From The Germans

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The pursuit of retreating units continued last night, the mid-day communique said, and in one sector "a slanting blow" at a strongly fortified point was reported to have killed 650 more Germans. A train loaded with German equipment, was reported captured on another sector.

Axis Launches Counterattack

The Germans were reported in an aggressive temper southwest of Stalingrad, launching several counterattacks, but the Russians said a German advance in one sector had been wiped out and the Russians were continuing their offensive where possible.

In one sector in this area "a height of great strategical importance" was reported captured after an engagement in which 1,000 enemy officers and men were killed. Northwest of the Volga city Soviet airmen raided a German airdrome during the night and destroyed five planes, the mid-day communique said.

The Russians drive on the central front in the region west of Rzhev and in the Velikie Luki area seemed to have slowed.

Each town and village falling to the Red army in the Don country increased the danger for the 22 German divisions in the Don-Volga region. Transport planes now must fly almost from Rostov to supply the German troops there because numerous German airdromes have been occupied by the Russians.

Son Born December 19

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Decker, 1421 South Ohio avenue, announce the birth of a son, Clyde Eugene, born at their home Saturday morning, December 19.

Democrat-Capital Class Ads get results, 10 words, 1 week, 80c. Phone 1000.

Twenty-two Year Old Assassin Caught Seconds After Shot Was Fired

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Making New Alignments

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Priest In Attendance

Darlan died just before his ambulance reached the hospital. The last sacrament was administered by a military priest.

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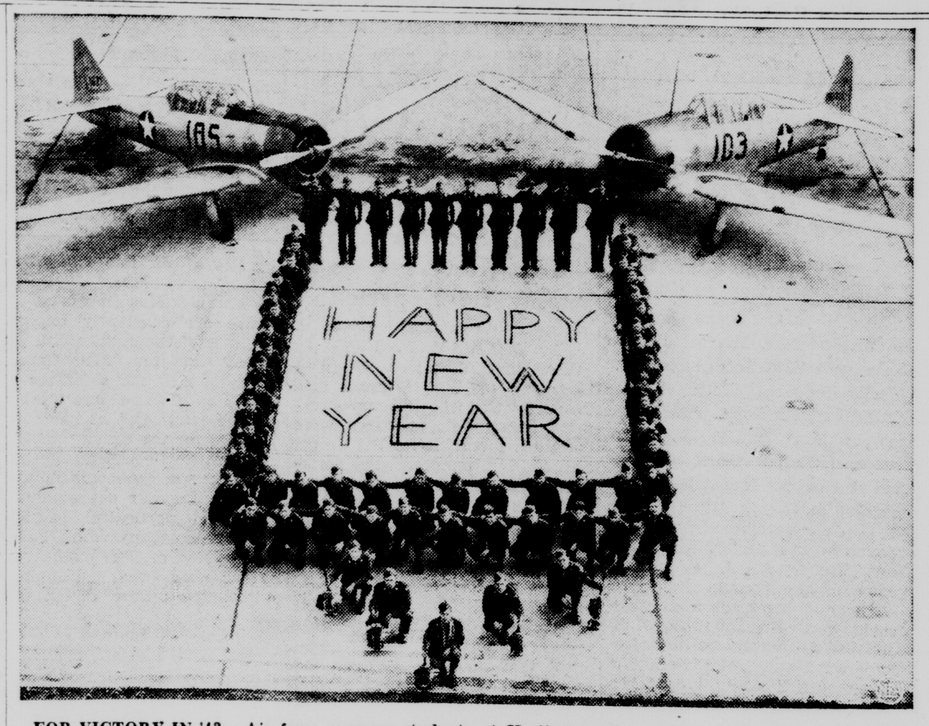
"There is one task ahead of us which is more important than the rest. We must win the war.

"There are still certain difficulties: There is still more opposition. Although we do not propose to take brutal measures against those offering resistance, any person that harms the war effort will be pitilessly eliminated.

"All other considerations are of no importance.

"Effects of the past are slowly disappearing. Yesterday we were forced to wait. Today we are fighting again.

"In the 15 months when I held the post of vice-prime minister in the French cabinet nothing of importance was handed over to the Germans.



FOR VICTORY IN '43. Air force gunnery students at Harlingen, Tex., say it with guns and bullets. The "Class of 43-1," training to be gunners on bombers, used belts of .50 caliber machine gun bullets to spell out their New Year's greeting.

Visitors Take Part In Service

Two young former Sedalians, one a priest, the other studying for the priesthood, took part in the Christmas services at St. Patrick's church today. They are Lieutenant Edward Comer, chaplain in the army, stationed at Camp Forest, Tenn., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Comer, 609 South Lafayette avenue, and Clement Ilmberger, a student at St. Bonaventure Seminary, St. Bonaventure, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Ilmberger, 509 East Fourth street.

At the midnight mass Father J. A. Biter was the celebrant, Lieutenant Comer the deacon, Father J. A. Corbit, sub-deacon, and Clement Ilmberger, master of ceremonies.

Home Troubles If Women Work

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Lucrative war jobs for women are giving St. Louis' two city courts new problems in domestic relations.

Police Judges George J. Grellner and Joseph B. Catanzaro have been watching a noticeable increase in martial disturbances attributed to "to much money and women neglecting their homes to work when it is not necessary."

Several couples have been in court charged with fighting for the first time in many years of married life, Judge Catanzaro said.

One husband complained to the judge that his wife refused to quit work although his income was sufficient for their family of three children.

"She works nights and I work days. What a home!" he said.

• Obituaries

Herbert Miller

Herbert Miller, 70, father of Mrs. E. W. Hoberecht, 4709 Grand avenue, Kansas City, formerly of Sedalia, died Tuesday at the St. John hospital at Springfield, Mo. He was an engineer with the Frisco railroad. He began his railroad career with the old Blair line that once operated out of Sheffield. Besides Mrs. Hoberecht, he leaves his wife, Mrs. Lena Miller of the home; three sons, William Miller of the home; Kenneth Miller, Washington, and John Miller, Springfield; a daughter, Mrs. Keith Rhodes, Seymour, Mo., and a nephew, Robert N. Miller, 5130 Hudson road, Johnson County, Kansas.

Thomas H. Rector

Thomas H. Rector, 82 years old, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Smith, 1401 South Park, at 9:15 o'clock Thursday evening. Although he had been in failing health for two years, his condition did not become critical until Saturday morning .

He was born in Pettis County near Postal, March 2, 1860, the son of the late Nimrod and Amanda Rector. He has lived his entire life in Pettis county, the last seven years in Sedalia. June 5, 1879 he was married to Lucinda Lee, who died fourteen years ago.

Besides the daughter with whom he made his home, Mr. Rector is survived by one son, W. T. Rector, Beaman, Mo., four half-brothers, Walker Hyatt, Beaman, Mo., Wilson Hyatt, Canada, Elmer Hyatt, Beaman, Mo., and Jasper Hyatt, of the state of Kansas; one sister, Mrs. Mollie Monsees, Smithton, Mo. He was preceded in death by one daughter.

Funeral services will be held at the Olive Branch Baptist church at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment will be in the Lee family cemetery.

The body is at the Ewing funeral home.

Five Hundred Soldier Gifts

Five hundred Christmas packages, many shapes and sizes, but all colorfully wrapped, were taken to the Sedalia Army Air Field for soldiers on the field, from citizens of Sedalia this morning.

Included among the gifts were two hundred from employes of the J. A. Lamy Manufacturing Company, who had purchased $50 worth of cigarettes, and wrapped them, two packages each.

The appeal for these gifts, that no soldier would be without a Christmas gift, was made through the columns of The Democrat-Capital Thursday morning and night. The response was splendid and the army officers who came to Sedalia for them this morning were pleased and appreciative.

Many residents of Sedalia took it upon themselves to make the day a happy one for some less fortunate family. According to Miss Rosanne Dugan, in charge of the county relief work, numerous families were adopted and Christmas gifts and baskets of food were taken, or sent, into the homes.

Personals

Miss Alice McHugh, who is a WAAC stationed at Des Moines, Iowa, arrived Wednesday night and will return to Des Moines Friday. She was called here by the illness of her father, Con McHugh, 200 South Washington who is at the Bothwell hospital.

Miss Gertrude Zigg of Kansas City is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Connor, 414 East Seventh street.

Chief of Police H. "Zone" Anderson, and family are spending Christmas visiting with relatives and friends in Kansas City. They will return home today.

Chief Yeoman Norman Chasnoff, U. S. N., stationed at Burrwood, La., arrived Thursday for a visit during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Chasnoff, of 1401 West Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bax and his brother, Victor, of Houston, Texas, have arrived for a visit during the holidays with Mr. Bax's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bax, 612 Wilkerson street, and en route home following their stay here will stop at Muskogee, Okla., to visit the parents of Mrs. Bax, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Householder, former Sedalians.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Howe, 209½ West Sixth street, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Howe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Holtzen at Linn.

Miss Nola Montgomery, 808 East Broadway, has gone to Omaha, Neb., to visit Pvt. F. A. Schutte, stationed at Fort Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Holloway of Springfield are spending Christmas with Mrs. Holloway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wherley of Beaman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kearns, Morton, Ill., are spending Christmas with Mrs. Kearns' mother, Mrs. A. H. Meier, 320 West Sixth street, and other relatives.

Miss Aline McArthur of Lubbock, Texas, ishere for a visit with Miss Bertha Huerman, 1010 West Fourth street.

Miss Edna Mahnken, 618 East Seventeenth street, is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. C. G. Eckhoff, Mr. Eckhoff and son, Harold, in Sweet Springs. A family reunion will be held at the Eckhoff home.

Miss Virginia Leonard, 1320 South Ohio avenue, is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Ida Leonard at Knob Noster.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Russell, of Kansas City, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Russell's parent, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pulliam, 2001 East Broadway. Mr. and Mrs. Pulliam have with them also another daughter, Mrs. William Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sparks of Kansas City are spending Christmas with Mr. Spark's mother Mrs. E. B. Sparks and Mrs Spark's mother, Mrs. E. L. Wetzel.

Miss Lillian Sawford who teaches at Festes is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sawford of Smithton.

Mrs. Ethel Griffen Sedalia and her daughter, Miss Millicent Griffen of Kansas City are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Lamm at Smithton.

Miss Wilma Garrett who is employed in Kansas City in a government position is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Garrett 600 West Fifth street.

Mrs. William Solon is spending Christmas with her husband, Pvt Solon, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kas.

Mrs. Myrtle Gray Dies Thursday

Mrs. Myrtle Gray, 46, Negro died at her home, 716 West Pettis at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon after a short illness.

She is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Grant Parker of Sedalia; her husband, Irvin Gray and ten children, Clayburn Gray of Kansas City, Mayo and Quinton Gray of Sedalia, Mrs. Mary Stewart, Jewell, Lucille, Leona Edith May, Florine and Lemajean Gray, all of Sedalia. The youngest child, Lemajean, is five years old.

Mrs. Gray also leaves one grandchild, Delores Stewart three sisters, Lema Parker and Sadie Parker of Sedalia and Margaret Parker of Kansas City and one brother, Pvt. Hinton Parker stationed at a training camp at Tuskegee, Ala.

The body was taken to the Ferguson funeral home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed pending word from the brother.

Woodmen Circle Elects Officers

At a meeting of the Woodmen Circle held Wednesday night the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. L. B. Shields.
Guardian, Mrs. Rosa Thomas.
Advisor, Mrs. Emma Kroencke
Banker, H. H. Kroencke.
Clerk, John Brandt.
Attendant, Mrs. Sina Brandt.
Chaplain, Mrs. Josie Atkinson.
Inner Sentinel, W. I. Thomas.
Auditors, Mrs. Amanda Callies and S. P. Tietza.

Engines built for use in American fighter and bomber planes are tested to operate in temperatures ranging from 67 degrees below zero to 120 degrees above.



"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Matthew 22:37-40

BROADWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Morning worship—10:45 a. m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Would be Incomplete If we did not avail ourselves of the opportunity to express our appreciation to our loyal friends and customers for your patronage ... To you we wish the most of Christmas Joy and a Happy New Year.

SOLON'S MARKET
116 E. 3rd St. Phone 256

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS—Every day we feel appreciative of the favors of our patrons and of all courtesies shown us but it is especially at the Christmas season we like to pause and think back over the pleasures derived from our business dealings. So here's wishing you the best of health, the most of wealth and the greater happiness than has been yours before.

The Friendly
FRANKLIN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
VIRGIL RAGAR
MANAGER OF SEDALIA TERRITORY
OFFICE:
122 W. THIRD PHONE 70

AMBULANCE SERVICE TEL. 622
Dignified competent service...
EWING FUNERAL HOME

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Down Deep in Our Heart we know of no song, no poem, no truer word to express our sentiment than this sincere greeting, "Merry Christmas, and may God bless you."
DUGAN'S
116 E. 5th St. Phone 142



SAME OLD WISH . . . always new. A Merry, Merry Christmas to you!

NEW NAVY A Service Station

John G. Purvis
Seventh and Ohio



A very Merry Christmas to all, with peace and happiness for the New Year, is our wish

Sedalia Hat and Shoe Shop

229 So. Ohio Phone 1030

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS



We extend to all our patrons and friends the Season's Greetings and wish them the happiest and jolliest Christmas ever.

L. R. Parris — Eva Rickman
Arthur Whittle — Carl Berry
Marie Pauley — Frances Sagaloff
Ann Sullivan — Eddie Brown

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HANG UP THE OLD SOCK and we'll take a great delight in filling it full of good wishes for you and yours. As we do so, we pledge continued effort on our part to merit your good will in the years to come.

CUMA & DOROTHY'S BEAUTY SALON

216 W. 3rd St. Telephone 3636



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. Among the good things bestowed by the passing year, our most valued one is the friendship and good will of those we serve. It is a privilege at this happy season to express our appreciate and wish you all the joys of the Yuletide season.

NEHI BOTTLING CO.

T. O. BUZZARD & EMPLOYEES
421 S. ENGINEER PHONE 784



Merry Christmas

We're here to offer you our Yuletide greetings and express our sincere hopes for a very Happy New Year

K. C. AUTO SALVAGE

420 W. 2nd Phone 1652



AND THE HAPPIEST POSSIBLE NEW YEAR

To All My Good Friends and Neighbors in Sedalia!

E. H. MILTON

War Writers Commended By A. P. Head

They Have Most Dangerous, But Most Cherished Jobs

NE W YORK , Dec. 25.—(AP)—Associated Press war correspondents around the world were sent Christmas greetings by General Manager Kent Cooper, who told them by radio that their stories "have put iron into the veins of a fighting people."

Cooper said the correspondents "have the toughest, most dangerous—yet the most cherished jobs in AP" and asserted they had "broken down the great bugaboo of those who stay at home—on news."

The broadcast was beamed to every allied nations' theater of war and was carried by NBC over short-wave transmission stations WRCA, WNBI, WCW, WGEO, WBOS, WGEA and WRUW. Cooper included a brief message in Spanish to newspapermen of La Presnsa Asociada, AP subsidiary, in Latin America.

The general manager's greetings to the correspondents, many of them reporting from the front lines this week, also carried congratulatory messages from many newspaper members of the Associated Press throughout the United States.

Some Gone Long Time

"Some of you have been gone a long time and may not know how the rest of us feel about you," Cooper said. "Others, who have been sent abroad more recently, know that they have joined an illustrious company and they can be proud that they were picked from a long list of AP men who want to be war correspondents. xxx

"Never before has a war been so thoroughly, so truthfully and so colorfully reported on all fronts as it is being done today—every day—by men who share the risks and the experiences of the fighters in the front lines, and tell the world about them.

"Dispatches from the battle front are doing many things that you may not realize.

Breaking Down Suspense

"Your stories are breaking down the fearful suspense of waiting mothers. They have put iron into the veins of a fighting people. The morale of entire communities has been raised by your words of how their husbands and sons have fought gallantly, or even how they have died bravely.

"You have broken down the great bugaboo of those who stay at home—no news.

"I certainly do wish you all the best and happiest Christmas that is possible under the circumstances in which you find yourselves. I hope what I have said will convince you that you are in our thoughts and in our hearts. Perhaps that will help. I hope so."

Punished For Gas Violations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson Thursday put two filling station operators out of business for the duration because "both dealers repeatedly sold gasoline without requiring coupons of their customers." These were two of six cases acted upon by Henderson under a new program to curb bootlegging of gasoline in violation of the rationing system in the east.

A press release from the Office of Price Administration said the dealers suspended for the duration from the sale of gasoline were Milton Wohlgemuth, operator of a service station in Buffalo, N. Y., and Albert P. Caron, operator of "Bud's Atlantic service station," in Adams, Mass.

Woman Power Unused

A survey of potential woman power for labor reveals that approximately 15,000,000 women are gainfully employed, less than 23 per cent of the total female population.

Rushing Seasons

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—A store has a display of Valentines in the window, with this admonition:

"Uncle Sam advises mailing your Valentine overseas sometime during Christmas week."

And the funny part is—the sales are brisk.

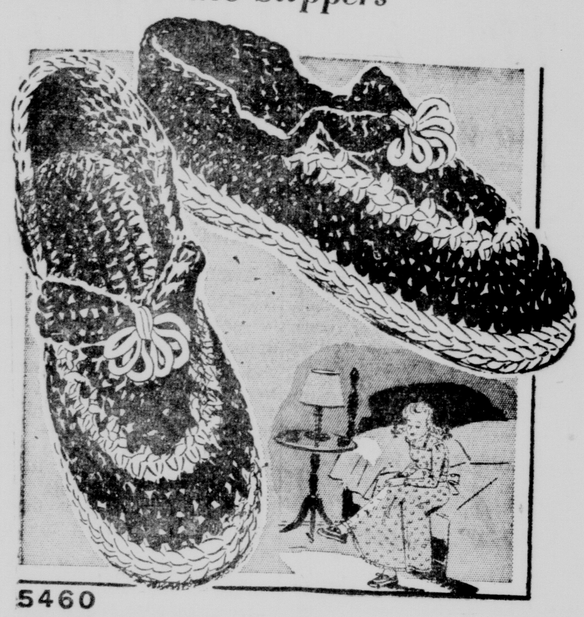


The vigilant eagle of American pride shall fly once more with the dove of peace by his side . . . is or fervent Christmas wish.

HAAR BATTERY and ELECTRIC SHOP

420 S. Osage Phone 410

Crochet House Slippers



5460

By Mrs. Anne Cabot

When the war worker or Mrs. Housewife steps out of her shoes at night, she wants soft, prettily feminine but practical house slippers to step into. These are done in black and red cotton rug yarn and have a very thick hand crocheted sole. And they're warm and washable, too!

For complete crocheting instructions for House Slippers (sizes include small, medium and large Pattern No 5460:

Send 10 cents in COIN, YOUR NAME and ADDRESS and the PATTERN NUMBER to Anne Cabot, Sedalia Democrat-Capital, (530 South Wells, Chicago, Ill.) Ill. Enclose 1 cent postage for each pattern ordered. Use above address only, just as it is printed. Do not send pattern mail to Sedalia, Missouri.

Give the Anne Cabot Christmas Gift package as a welcome present!

Beautifully wrapped as a gift, it contains an assortment of patterns for toys, crochet work, sewing, embroidery, knitting and quilting as well as a copy of the Anna Cabot Album. Makes a timely gift to the woman who likes handwork. Price is $1.00. Use Chicago address noted above.

HENDRICKS FIELD, Fla. "All those who do not believe in Santa Claus will sign here," read a bulletin in squadron orderly room.

Later in the day, the squadron commander checked the list and announced:

"All those who signed have assigned themselves to KP duty on Christmas Day.

Democrat-Capital Class Ads get results, 10 words, 1 week, 80c.



Sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and may your home be bright with love and cheer throughout the year.

Sedalia Typewriter Co.

507 S. OHIO



MAY CHRISTMAS JOYS WITH pleasures new make the New Year a happy year for you. The joyous Christmas season with its hallowed memories and golden hours of other years is here again. May it be for you and for those near and dear to you a day of real joy and good cheer.

LOCKETT'S

124 S. OHIO



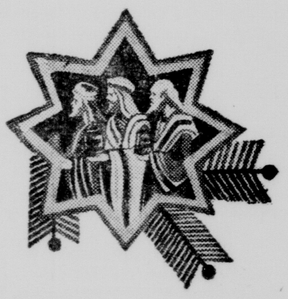
Christmas

1942 WE WISH YOU

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY

and may every one of the 365 days of 1943 bring Joy, Happiness and Peace

Visit the Church of your faith on Christmas Day



Dr. Geo. T. Lively—Dr. Lawrence S. Geiger

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Herbert A. Seifert, Optician

110 E. Third St. Sedalia, Mo.

Criticism

SAN DIEGO—Addison E. Housh, chief of the OPA office here, received a large box in holiday wrapping which held containers labelled "eggs," "butter," "coffee," "sugar."

Each was filled with nuts.

For Class Ads, Phone 1000.



In war as in peace it's the American way to wish you joy and good wishes on this Christmas Day.

LASS-TRUITT STUDIO

518 S. Ohio Phone 650



In The Spirit of Christrmas—We wish for you all the happiness and good fortune that you could possibly wish for yourself.

Harry Dobel
INSURANCE

108 E. 5th St. Phone 931



Merry Christmas

TWO little words—they've been said over and over again for generations—but they still express the spirit of the season! 'Merry Christmas" to you and yours. Even if you don't believe in exchanging costly presents—don't miss the joy of exchanging those friendly words, and the trifling remembrances which make them come true.

WALDMAN'S

SPECIALISTS IN GOOD APPEARANCE



In Appreciation of your patronage we extend our greetings.

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6th and Ohio 212 W. Main



ALLOW US TO EXTEND to you Our Most Hearty Good Wishes for Your Happiness at Christmastide and throughout the Coming New Year.

BURKHOLDER MAYTAG CO.

109 So. Ohio Phone 114



★ MERRY ★ CHRISTMAS *to All*

PETTIS COUNTY OFFICIALS

extend to all the people their

BEST WISHES

for a Very Merry

CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

We thank you most heartily for the splendid cooperation and assistance during the year just drawing to a close. We have tried to serve you in an efficient manner and pledge continuation of our efforts during the coming year.

J. E. SMITH
Judge Probate Court

J. B. (Doc) GREER
County Collector

FRANK L. WAGNER
County Treasurer Elect

JOHN V. KESTERSON
Presiding Judge County Court

J. M. LANE
Judge County Court Western District

JAS. W. ATKINSON
County Surveyor

C. F. SCOTTEN
County Superintendent of Schools

BRYAN HOWE
Circuit Clerk

C. R. BOTHWELL
Sheriff Pettis County

LEO JOB HARNED
Prosecuting Attorney

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Central Missouri ads cash with order. National rates on request.

The Democrat-Capital reserves the right to revise, edit, reject and classify any advertisement submitted for publication.

This newspaper strives to maintain a high standard of ethics. It will not knowingly publish any false or misleading advertising. Should a reader find that an advertiser's offer is different than as published, or that a cash deposit or investment is required, when none has been specified, notify this paper. Investigate before parting with your money. This newspaper will be glad to assist you in obtaining information.

I—Announcements

7—Personals

REDUCE SAFELY thru elimination; Ridd Effervescent Salts. 69c Star Drug.

SUBSCRIBE to the Kansas City Star, delivered twice daily Phone 2405.

HAVE YOUR — Old mattresses made over into a fine renovated and recovered mattress, at a very low cost. Feather mattresses made from your feather beds. Bryan-Paulus Awning Company Phone 131.

10—Strayed, Lost, Found

LOST—Female Pointer, suckling pups. Male pup 5 months old Both liver and white. Call 2394.

II—Automotive

12—Auto Trucks for Sale

1942 DODGE—1½ Ton Truck, good condition. Phone 57-F-31.

1936 CHEVROLET—panel truck. Good tires. Phone 704.

III—Business Service

18—Business Services Offered

GUNS REPAIRED and reblued. Dell, 509 East 4th Street.

CARL GOIST—Authorized Philco Radio Service, 614 S. Ohio Phone 139.

PEABODY RADIO SERVICE for twenty years at 1319 S. Osage Phone 854.

SEWING MACHINE SERVICE—Repairing; fix all makes; models. Phone 247.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES — Local registrar. Phone 3166-W. 618 East Broadway. Notary Public.

REFRIGERATION SERVICE — All makes, Household and Commercial. Sedalia Refrigeration. Phone 234.

SHIRLEY FURNACE COMPANY authorized Lennox dealer. New parts or furnaces now available for replacement where necessary. Air conditioning expert furnace repairing by trained heating engineers. 701 South Ohio. Phone 973.

25—Moving, Trucking, Storage

MIDDLETON STORAGE COMPANY—Dependable service under owner management responsibility. Storing, moving, packing and crating. Lamine and Missouri Pacific tracks. Phone 946.

IV—Employment

32—Help Wanted—Female

WOMAN for housework. Phone 2853.

WHITE WOMAN COOK — Help housework. 2 in family. 1107 South Moniteau.

GIRL OR WOMAN — general house work. Stay nights, small family. $8.00 week. Box 7 % Democrat.

33—Help Wanted—Male

WANTED—Carrier boys for Kansas City Star. Call 2405.

DRIVER—for bread truck. Draft exempt. Apply afternoons or evenings. Almquist Bakery.

34—Help—Male and Female

MIDDLE AGED COUPLE—White or colored; farm work; 3½ miles south of Sedalia on black top road. Fuel; eggs; milk; house and electricity furnished. Call Hampson. Phone 4302-J-11.

V—Financial

40—Money to Loan—Mortgages

NOW IS THE TIME to refinance, $500,000 to loan on farm and city property. 5 to 15 years at 4½%. 75 farms in Pettis and adjoining counties. Small cash payment. 15 years on unpaid balance at 4½% to 5%. No commission. W. D. Smith, 307 Trust Bldg.

VII—Live Stock

47—Dogs, Cats, other Pets

COCKER PUPS, all colors, sired by champions. Reasonable. Clyde Patterson.

FOR SALE BEAUTIFUL — little Cocker Spaniel puppies. Brucie bloodlines. Phone 1517; 1806 West Broadway.

48—Horses, Cattle other Stock

19 HEAD WHITE FACE—calves. Mixed. A. L. Wilson, 702 South Ohio.

CHOICE YOUNG JERSEY—Calf at side. Heavy milker. 1702 West Broadway.

VII—Live Stock

48—Horses, Cattle other Stock Continued

FOR SALE, 24 EWES—Phone D. F. Wasson, LaMonte, 25-F-2.

12—200 to 300 lb. Poland China boars, registered. W. L. Smith, Smithton, Route 1.

WE PAY — for dead animals, horses, cattle and hogs, if not skinned or decomposed. We pay telephone charges. Phone Sedalia 3033.

VIII—Merchandise

51—Articles for Sale

BICYCLE—for Boy or Man; fine condition. 1510 South Grand.

FOR SALE, IRON SAFE and 9 foot show case. Call Kindred 203 or 2914.

GIRLS BICYCLE — good condition. Inquire 1307 South Moniteau. Phone 2460.

REALISTIC PERMANENT — Wave Machine, 14 heaters. Write S. R. Sprecher or call 2178.

BOYS BICYCLE DELUX model, fully equipped. Owner army, must sell. Firestone Store, 213 South Ohio. Phone 123.

STOVES, Sewing Machines; Axes, Irons, Beds, Springs, Tubs, Clocks, Razors, Furniture. Phone 3355. 1207 Ingram. "Lets Trade."

56—Fuel, Feed Fertilizers

WOOD for sale. Phone 4085.

WOOD—every stick, Oak or Hickory. Immediate delivery. Phone 2124.

FOR SALE WOOD—Oak and hickory, green or seasoned. 2101 East Broadway. Phone 2251-J.

WINDSOR LUMP—Coal, $4.75 a ton; Higginsville, $5.50. Phone 2197.

BLOCK WOOD—$8. Slab $7. Delivered. Phone 2047. 1501 South Missouri.

WINDSOR DEEP SHAFT—Lump Call C. T. McGee after 5:30.

59—Household Goods

FOR SALE DINING—room suite. Phone 1581.

DINING ROOM SET, rugs, Magic Chef stove, large mirror, 6 months old. 724 West 4th.

DINING ROOM SUITE—Refrigerator; Hot Point stove; rugs; etc. to be sold at once. No piece over 6 months old. 724 West 4th.

62—Musical Merchandise

NICE PIANO—and Bench for sale. 618½ West Broadway. Phone 3772.

66—Wanted To Buy

WANTED TO BUY—Whole milk. Beatrice Creamery Company Phone 510.

WANTED TO BUY—Good Kneehole desk. Phone 3274, after 12 o'clock.

CASH—for your furniture, stoves and rugs. Callies Furniture Co. Phone 412.

WANTED TRAPPED OR—Shot Rabbits; Black Walnuts. Cullys Market, 208 West 2nd; Market Square.

WANTED — FURS, RABBITS — black walnuts; sheep pelts; cow and horse hides; Goose feathers, Junk. M. & M. Hide and Fur Company. 301 West Main.

VIII—Merchandise

66—Wanted to Buy Continued

WANTED NICE CLEAN white rags; no curtains. 5c pound. Sedalia Democrat.

IX—Rooms and Board

68—Rooms without Board

2 ROOMS AND BATH — 1st floor. Modern except heat. Phone 3734-W.

X—Real Estate for Rent

74—Apartments and Flats

FURNISHED APARTMENT—406 East 5th. Phone 1957-W.

KITCHENETTE APARTMENT—close in. Phone 4374-R.

3 ROOMS downstairs. Stoker heat. 505 East 11th. Phone 2150 or 2926.

2 ROOM APARTMENT—Utilities paid. 718 East Broadway.

TWO FURNISHED—Apartments; modern; Utilities paid. 1002 West Broadway.

4 ROOM MODERN — Upper apartment with Garage. 608½ South Kentucky. Phone 556.

5 ROOMS UNFURNISHED — 918½ East 3rd. Phone 2321 or 352.

SMALL MODERN furnished apartment. Garage. 1416 South Kentucky.

2 ROOM MODERN — furnished apartment. Stoker heat. Frigidaire. 401 Dal-Whi-Mo.

3 ROOM FURNISHED—apartment, Modern. Phone 3075. 217 South Moniteau.

FURNISHED APARTMENT — to couple. Utilities paid. Reduction in rent for tending furnace. Phone 736 or 3356.

3 ROOM FURNISHED—And 3 room unfurnished apartment; Utilities paid. 659 East 16th. Phone 3709.

DUPLEX FOR RENT—available Feb. 1st. Lower floor; 600 South Grand. 6 rooms; heat and water furnished. $45. Call A. J. Hurley 268.

77—Houses For Rent

MODERN HOME—806 West 6th. Phone 911.

5 ROOM RESIDENCE — 1400 South Warren. Phone 144.

7 ROOM HOUSE—newly decorated. Double garage. December 15th—3361-J.

NICELY FURNISHED cottage, $25. Also one room efficiency. Phone 3355.

XI—Real Estate for Sale

83—Farms and Land for Sale

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XI—Real Estate for Sale

84—Houses for Sale Continued

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Heads Children's Bureau

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7 Lacking.
13 Extent.
14 Native.
16 Liliaceous plant.
17 Carrying case.
18 Emphasizes.
20 Land parcel.
21 Ells English (abbr.).
22 Migrate.
23 Impost.
25 Nova Scotia (abbr.).
26 Entangle.
27 Affirmative.
29 Above.
32 Sound.
35 Pale.
36 Thorium (symbol).
38 Novel.
39 Half an em.
40 Three (prefix)
41 Near.
43 Measure.
44 Collective stake.
45 Baseball implement.
46 Us.
48 Naked.
50 Suppress.
52 Music note.
54 Simulate.
56 Betrayer.
58 Uncooked.
59 Correlative of that.
61 Plant disease.
62 Step.
63 Alarm bells.
64 Atmospheric conditions.

VERTICAL
1 Body of water.
2 Great Lake.
3 Seine.
4 Egyptian sun god.
5 Single time.
6 Small nail.
7 Need.
8 Singing voice.
9 Tantalum (symbol).
10 Sick.
11 Midday.
12 Obtains.
15 Tellurium (symbol).
18 Skill. —
19 Crafty.
22 Sailor.
24 Lease.
26 Males.
28 Male child.
29 Be indebted.
30 Mover's truck.
31 Her bureau supervises the welfare of ——.
33 Fiber knots.
34 Female sheep.
36 Fish.
37 Her bureau is in the U. S. Department of ——.
40 2000 pounds.
42 Light pat.
46 Unit of electrical power.
47 Reverberate.
49 Organs of hearing.
50 Pack.
51 Carry (cant).
52 Speed competition.
53 Pitcher.
55 Twitching.
57 Inner Guard (abbr.).
58 Hurrah!
60 Steamship (abbr.).
62 Pint (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ARTHUR PRYOR



Business Agent Fatally Shot

CHICAGO, Dec. 25—(AP)—Walter Sheffer, 67, business agent for the Electrical Workers union of Chicago, was shot and fatally wounded Thursday in the barber shop of a loop office building.

Police officer Thomas Traghey said Vincent Lucchese, 43, part owner of the shop in the Barnham building, told him he shot Sheffer in self defense during a quarrel involving Mrs. Fay Smith, red-haired manicurist.

The manicurist, who is a widow, told the officers she accused Lucchess of annoying her, that he called her a "damned liar" and that Sheffer rose from a barber chair and said: "Don't call her that."

Mrs. Smith said a fight ensued and Lucchese drew a revolver.

Lucchese told police he fired only to defend himself, and said Mrs. Smith hit him with her shoe.

Copper Penny War Casualty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau issued an order Thursday adding the traditional copper penny to the list of war casualties and authorizing coinage of a substitute of zinc-coated steel.

The order was issued under legislation recently signed by the President authorizing changes in the composition of the penny in order to save copper, a critical war material.

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, director of the mint, said the production of the present penny, which contains about 95 per cent copper, would be discontinued on Jan. 1 and minting of the new coin would begin by Feb. 1.

The new penny will have a blue-grey cast which will tend to become dark with circulation and will weigh slightly less than the copper penny—41.5 grains compared with 48 grains. The steel penny will be of the same size and design as the copper penny which has been minted since 1909.

Farm Income At Peak

The Office of Price Administration estimates 1942 farm income at $15.6 billion, 79.3 per cent over 1939, the highest in history and a full billion higher than the previous 1919 peak.

C Reed By The Fox

Community News From

Cole Camp

J. L. Metcalfe, who had the misfortune to fall Saturday on the ice, has a sprained ankle.

Mrs. Fred Fajen is employed at Higginsville in a shoe factory.

T. D. Williams, and Mrs. G. G. Williams and sons, of Ionia, visited one day the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Goetz and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Intelman and son, Stanley Paul, of Warsaw, were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Intelman and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tucker and family, of Sedalia, visited with relatives Thursday.

Roberta Root, of Kansas City, is visiting in the country home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bohling.

J. W. Ragland entertained at a 6:00 o'clock dinner the following guests Sunday: J. W. Morrow, William and Arlie Goetz, and Amos Zimmerschied.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Borchers, of Walkenda, are parents of a baby girl born Saturday, December 19. Mrs. Borchers is the former Miss Willette Schroeder, daughter of Fred Schroeder, of Lake Creek neighborhood.

Mrs. Augusta Tobaben and son, Leonard, and daughter, Ermalee, are visiting in Lincoln, Neb., over the holidays.

Mrs. E. G. Bohling entertained the bridge club Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Kreisel and son, Glen Ray, of Lincoln, visited Monday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wenig.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Tobaben attended an informal dinner and Christmas party at the St. Francis hotel in Sedalia Wednesday. Mr. J. F. Benton was host.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Goetz and daughters visited Sunday in Ionia in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Williams.

Mrs. Carrie Duffenback is spending the holidays in Ann Arbor, Mich., with her son, Ora Duffenback, and Mrs. Duffenback.

Sink Destroyer And Other Ships

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Allied airmen have sunk a Japanese destroyer, a transport and a cargo ship to the north of new Guinea in the most widespread air sweeps in the southwest Pacific in many weeks, while American and Australian ground forces have penetrated to what an official communique today described as "the last line" of Japanese defenses in the Buna area.

Ranging over the waters to the northwest and north of Australia, General Douglas MacArthur's airmen shot down six Japanese planes and damaged five others in nine separate sorties. These attacks carried the allied planes over the principal enemy operational bases in the islands from Timor to New Ireland.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Allied bombers have sunk a Japanese destroyer near Salamaua, New Guinea, and a 5,000-ton enemy transport off Gasmata, on the south coast of New Britain, an official communique said today.

Of the Buna fighting the communique said:

"In a double envelopment our troops overran the enemy's main defense positions and drove him back into his last line of defense in this sector."

Allied heavy bombers blasted the transport from the ocean's surface near Basmata, New Britain, despite the efforts of 15 Zero planes which rose to its protection. Medium bombers scored the knockout on the destroyer off the New Guinea coast near Satamaua.

Message To Ill And Wounded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—In a special Christmas message to ill and wounded men of the armed services, President Roosevelt promised Thursday that "You who are younger" would have a voice in the peace. The message:

"In this, another wartime Christmas, I would like to send you a personal message. We shall need your help when the war is won in the hard task of building a better and a freer world. It is fitting, therefore, that you who are younger shall be given the opportunity to fight for a better world in time of peace as you have fought to save this lesser world in time of war. God bless you and keep you, for you belong to us and to the future of America."

The President also sent this message to all members of the armed forces:

"Happily the star of Christmas again shines brightly in a world black with war and hate. Never has mankind yearned more for what that star signifies—for peace and honor to men of good will. The way we must travel is yet long. As you go hopefully forward into the new year you can be sustained by the thought that you have the most precious gift which is in the power of our countrymen to bestow—this affection and deep gratitude. To this I can only add my very warmest personal greetings to each one of you."

Battle of Rumors

The Office of War Information lists five rules to follow in the battle of rumors: never repeat a rumor; do not repeat a rumor verbally even to deny it; if you know the facts which can spike a rumor, cite them promptly when you first encounter such talk; if you do not know the facts, ask the rumor-monger where he got his own facts; never give a rumor an even break.

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Take your change in War Stamps.

NOTICE OF TRIENNIAL MEETING OF CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the triennial meeting of certificate holders of Bankers Guaranty Life Company of Sedalia, Missouri, will be held in the office of the Company, 401 South Lamine, Sedalia, Missouri, on Monday, the fourth day of January, 1943, at ten A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Dated at Sedalia, Missouri, this 3rd day of December, 1942.

J. E. HURLEY, President.
M. L. MITCHELL, Secretary.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sedalia Bank and Trust Company of Sedalia, Missouri will be held Tuesday, January 5, 1943 at the banking house for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly be brought before said meeting.

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ALLEY OOP — Man on a Trapeze — By V. T. HAMLIN



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES — Wotta Gal! — By EDGAR MARTIN



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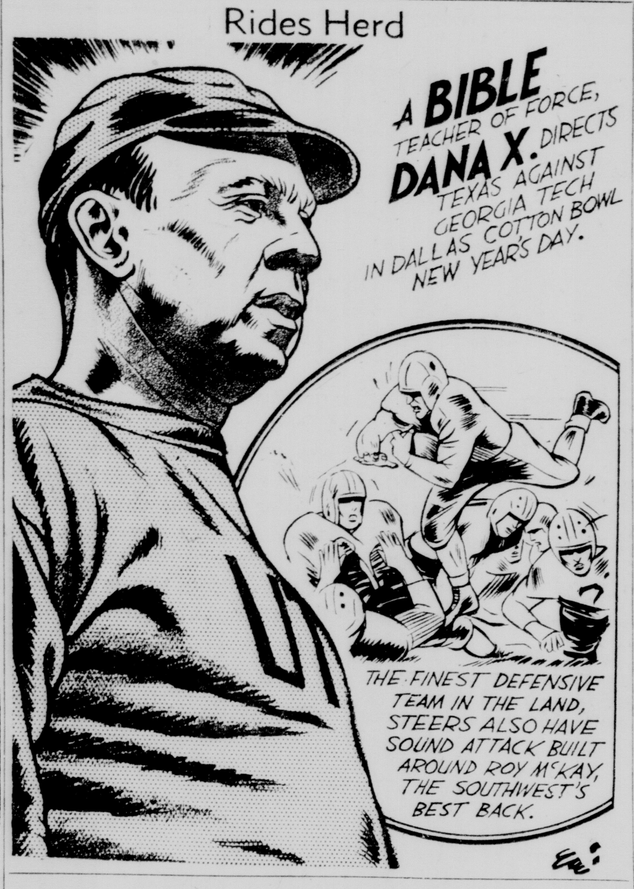
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Rides Herd



Community News From

Houstonia

Mrs. Bennie Martin

Mrs. Claude Nutt entertained Wednesday evening of last week the G. H. A. members and a number of guests at a bridge party. Awards of defense stamps were given, and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Dewey H. Houchen entertained the G. H. A. members and a number of guests with bridge Thursday evening. Awards were given and refreshments served.

Mrs. John Greer, teacher in grade room three, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pam Grinstead, and family, at Longwood.

The Martha guild circle of the Community church met Friday in an all-day session at the home of Mrs. Claude Nutt. A contributive dinner was served at noon. In the afternoon, the Sunshine Sisters exchanged gifts and drew names for the coming year.

The Women's Missionary union of the Baptist church held its December meeting and the Sunshine Pal sisters party Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. L. Parkhurst. After a program, the social hour was held with an exchange of gifts. Names were drawn for Sunshine Pals for next year. The hostesses assisted by Mrs. Susie Cooper, served refreshments.

The Fidelis circles of the Community church, held their annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Rissler. Members were happy to have their new pastor's wife, Mrs. Payne, with them. They exchanged gifts, and received their Sunshine Sister's names for the year of 1943. Rev. and Mrs. Payne and family moved here from Cassville, and he has the full-time pastorate of the Community church.

The fellowship supper and Christmas program will be held Wednesday evening at the Methodist church.

The Christmas program and tree will be held at the Community church on Thursday evening Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimer and baby spent the week end with Mr. Wimer's parents at Knob Noster. Mrs. Wimer and baby then went to Harrisonville to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Judge Higgins and son, Donnie, spent the week end at Lexington with Mrs. Higgins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clawson. Mrs. Higgins and Dannie remained over the holidays.

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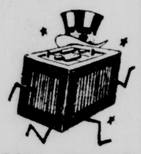
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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Third National Bank of Sedalia, Missouri, will be held in its banking room Tuesday, January the 12th, 1943, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 Noon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

C. L. HANLEY, Cashier.



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TO ALL

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• Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, Jr.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25—(AP)—Christmas socks: . . . maybe that's what Hunk Anderson is collecting today for his pro-all-stars to use against the Redskins Sunday . . . The word from Philly is that Anderson, who coached the Bears to their first defeat since they were cubs, really has been bearing down in practice for the pro-bowl game . . . Apparently Hunk wants to get Hunk . . . And speaking of socks, John Lawther, Penn State basketball coach, is hoping he doesn't get one from Uncle Sam before the Nittany Lions play in Madison Square Garden and Philadelphia's Convention Hall early in January. His entire first team may be summoned by the army next month.

Today's Guest Star

Arch Ward, Chicago Tribune: "The army has reached new heights in suppressing loose and noisy talk . . . so far as we have heard, Larry MacPhail hasn't spoken above a whisper since he ceased to be the voice of the Dodgers.

Christmas Pome

Christmas comes but once a year,
For which we should be thankful.
We wish you all some Christmas cheer,
Four tires and a tankful.
Our greetings go to sporting pals.
In Army and in Navy
And also to all of the gals,
To every WAAC and WAVE-y.
And for the ones they left behind
To carry on the racket,
We hope that sports will never find
A stone inscribed "Hic Jacet."
And by the time you read this stuff
You will have heard from Santy
And even though the times are tough
We hope he brought you planty.

Cleaning the Cuff

Some leftover records from the recent football season: West Virginia U. lost its last football games in 1941 through a failure to convert the extra point; this year half-back Dick McElwee made a perfect record on his 11 attempts and the Mountaineers wade 13 of 15 conversions—and not one affected the outcome of a game . . . Ashland, Ky., high school's state champion team had two linemen who accounted for 75 points. End Jim Stith scored 44 and tackle Bob Fidler converted 31 points from placement . . . Center Don McIntee of Louisville, O., high accounted for four of his team's eight victories by kicking points in 7-6 games . . . and Dan Snyder of Allegany high, Cumberland, Md., accounted for 35 points with his toe on 29 conversions and two field goals . . . Looks as if those boys had no kicks coming.

Charge Truman Is 'Influenced'

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25—(AP)—The president of the St. Louis bar association charged Thursday night that United States Senator Harry S. Truman was "influenced by patronage consideration" in seeking to have a western Missouri lawyer appointed to the new federal judgeship in Missouri.

William W. Crowdus declared the judgeship bill was introduced in congress—passed but not yet signed by the President—"for the sole reason another full-time judge is needed in the eastern district."

Senator Truman, he charged, maneuvered a senate amendment providing that the new jurist should have a roving assignment in both districts.

"The western district doesn't need another judge and never asked for one," Crowdus asserted.

Truman announced yesterday he would favor the naming of a western Missouri lawyer, but that no recommendation would be made until after he and Senator Bennett Champ Clark of St. Louis had conferred on the matter.

The name of Rubey M. Hulen of Columbia is the latest to bob into the judgeship picture as a possible appointee. He managed Clark's last senate campaign and was chairman of the Democratic state committee in 1932.

Sports Mirror

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today a year ago—Cecil Travis, Washington Senators shortstop was ordered to join the colors, January 7th.

Three years ago—Joe Louis ranked number one fighter of 1939 by The Ring.

Five Years ago—Nine swimming records were broken in Miami Biltmore pool including three by Ralph Flannagan.

The air speed record is 725 miles per hour, more than 12 miles a minute. It was set by two Army officers in a power dive at an east coast base.



Heartiest good wishes for your holiday cheer, with good fellowship and joy sincere.

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Sedalia National Farm Loan Association
H. L. SHIRLEY
Secretary-Treasurer



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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION AT THE POLICE STATION IN HE CITY HALL BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th, and THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, 1942.

Pursuant to the law in such cases made and provided, the Board of Registrars of the City of Sedalia, Missouri, will hold open its Books from 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, on Wednesday the 30th and Thursday the 31st days of December, 1942, in the Police Station of the City Hall Building located at 2nd and Osage Streets in the City of Sedalia, Missouri, at which time those who have become entitled to register since the last days of Registration, or who have, for any cause, failed and neglected to do so, may register upon compliance with the provisions of Article 19, Chapter 76, of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1939; these registration dates being fixed for the purpose of permitting such voters to register ten (10) days prior to the Special Election for the 6th, Congressional District of Missouri, as ordered and provided for by the Governor of the State of Missouri, in his writ of election to the Sheriff of Pettis County, Missouri directing said special election to be held within said County, on Tuesday, January 12th, 1943.

By order of the Board of Registrars. this 22nd day of December, A. D., 1942.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI,
By Mrs. Eugene Miller, Chairman.

(SEAL)
ATTEST: E. J. Thomas, City Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Registrars of the City of Sedalia, Missouri.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE . . . with . . . . . MAJOR HOOPLE



OUT OF OUR WAY By J. R. WILLIAMS



Gable Wants To Be "Tailend Charlie"

MIDLAND, Tex., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Lt. Clark Gable, late of the movies, yearns to be a "Tailend Charlie."

A "Tailend Charlie" is a gunner who keeps enemy fighter planes away from American bombers when they attack from behind.

But right now, Gable is making a movie about "Tailend Charlies," he said when he stopped here en route to an aerial gunnery school in Florida.

"They've got me writing the script for this movie as well as playing in it," Gable told officers and men of the bombardier school here.

"But before it is over I hope I can pick up enough know-how about aerial gunnery to convince the powers that be that I can take the course myself."

Time Table Costs Him

TULSA, Okla.—C. H. Blakenhorns car was dragged 70 feet after colliding with a train. He climbed from the wreckage unhurt but angry.

"That train wasn't due to cross when I did. I've been crossing there for eight years and I know when it's due."

Engineer W. F. Brooks admitted the train was 20 minutes late.

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Merry Christmas To All



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(Before leaving school to join the armed forces, Bill Mock, 117 East Seventh St., Sedalia, wrote his last article for the Missouri Valley Delta, the student publication of Missouri Valley College, Marshal, Mo., which was given editorial column prominence. It is genuinely expressive of the spirit of modest Christmas of many Americans today.)

Christmas Dinner

A Christmas dinner for the whole clan was one of the ways that the Joneses had of celebrating the holidays. The custom had begun many years before, just at the time when tho oldest son, John, had learned for the first time that there was no real Santa Claus. This didn't quite take the place of Santa Claus, he declared, but he couldn't think of anything at the moment that would do better.

So the dinner continued. It was always a gay affair for everyone. The folks came early and the girls went right to the kitchen, for there was much left to the younger imaginations. Alice always made the salads, a new one each year. Sometimes she used a recipe from the Star, but usually it was one of her own creations. And then, Vic had an especially nimble hand at making celery curl, and her pickle relish was popularly conceded to be the best in the county. Her favorite was Garden Leftovers. Everything, nearly, that was in the garden just before frost came, went into the relish—onions, green tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers, some turned red.

Addie was a newcomer two years ago, she married John in New Orleans, and she taught them how to put oysters in dressing. Mother Jones made the pies—mince and pumpkin.

Dinner was always at six, and since no one had eaten since breakfast (except for the tasters in the kitchen) everyone was ready when Father Jones, at five-thirty, moved toward the kitchen to see how things were coming along. At five till six, the men folks invaded the dining room; by six they were clamoring, "Bring on the turkey!"

Grace was never said at Christmas in the Jones home. At the beginning Father Jones explained that he prayed three hundred and sixty-four days out of the year, and he "reckoned that nothing serious would happen if he failed to ask Grace on Christmas Day." Besides, he knew that the Lord punished those who over-indulged; why ask Him to bless the food that He was going to punish them with?

Plates were heaped high, and conversations ceased. Henry had the white-meat of the pully-bone. Father Jones had a thigh. Mother Jones wanted the back, but Addie rivaled her for it when she joined the party. The drum-sticks were left to the children; there were always side-bets as to whom could eat a drum-stick. Then came the cranberries, shimmering red berries lost in a maze of red tartness. Then big scoops of mashed potatoes and oyster dressing, covered with gravy and golden noodles in thin strips a foot long. Gravy oozed about in the valleys between mountains of mashed potatoes, dressing, and egg noodles. A favorite soon disappeared — mashed sweet potatoes with melted marshmallows on top. There were dishes that no one ever got to sample—their plates wouldn't hold it all. When one reached his capacity he settled back to watch the others. Often he came back for more.

Then came the dessert—Mother left the table and whipped the cream. The pie-plates were filled, a half a piece of pumpkin pie and a half piece of mince meat pie. On the pumpkin she put a mountain of stiff whipped cream. She always served coffee with dessert—and it was always good.

This was Christmas for the Joneses.

This year the dinner won't be served—there will be no turkey, or dressing, or noodles, or mince meat or pumpkin with whipped cream. This was John's dinner; the dinner that took the place of Santa Claus.

John might eat turkey this Christmas day, if the army could get it to the outpost. There might be dressing, but there would certainly be no oysters. It is hard to make noodles in the middle of the desert. There would be lumps in the potatoes and the cranberries would come from cans. There would be a chocolate bar for dessert and a cup of weak coffee.

Father Jones will be at the air lookout post. Addie and Alice had joined the WAAC's and were in England in the first contingent to arrive there. Vic was in Washington, D. C., typing applications.

There are many American families that will not be together this Christmas—and English families and Russian, and Belgian and Dutch, and Polish and Danish—the whole world will be at odds.

But there will be another Christmas, other days when free people can eat, and talk, and laugh. The Joneses will have other Christmas dinners; maybe they won't all be there around the table, but they'll be there in spirit and there will be turkey, and mashed potatoes, and oyster dressing, and thin golden noodles. There will be cranberries and mince pie, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and there will be coffee. There will be another peace.

Looking Backward

Forty Years Ago

Chief of Police Love last night presented each member of the force with a fine fat goose for his Christmas dinner.

F. R. Raus, a farmer of Cedar township, and Miss Mary E. Logan, of the same neighborhood, were married last night by the Rev. G. W. Ayers.

Major W. H. Curran, a former Sedalian, but now of St. Louis, has the Democrat's thanks for a coup of the souvenir edition of "Success and One Hundred and One Other Things."

The Knights of Father Matthew have inaugurated a movement to increase membership in the society. The object is to get the young Catholics to join and to further interest among the older persons.

Brainpower Being Indexed

Scientific and professional societies are co-operating with the government in registering technicians in a new National Roster to facilitate the supply of brainpower. More than half a million names have been placed on the rolls.

Forty-seven per cent of the weight of an empty pursuit plane is composed of government furnished equipment.

The Daily Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

(Major Robert S. Allen on active duty)

WASHINGTON — The United Seaman's Service, a welfare organization for merchant seamen supported by Mrs. Roosevelt, Henry Kaiser, and other prominent individuals, appears headed for trouble.

The organization has received a tremendous amount of favorable publicity in its drive to solicit $5,000,000 for the maintenance of rest homes for merchant seamen whose ships have been sunk.

However, an undercover investigation by the War Shipping Administration indicates that most of the funds donated to the United Seamen's Service, including money supplied by the Federal government, have gone to civilian promoters and jobholders, rather than to disabled merchant seamen.

War Shipping Administration investigators have reported the following:

(1) That less than 10 per cent of the funds provided by the government and by private donors to the United Seamen's Service have been expended for the care of torpedoed merchant seamen.

(2) That in addition to lush salaries to top officials, the United Seamen's Service is paying $23,000 a year for a three-floor layout of offices on Broadway, New York, plus salaries for 154 workers in those offices, though only a relatively few merchant seamen from torpedoed supply vessels have been aided in the New York area.

(3) That a convalescent home for torpedoed merchant seamen at Oyster Bay, Long Island, donated by Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt, had 28 employees on the payroll as of last report, compared with 14 rescued seamen from torpedoed merchant vessels resting up at the home. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt figured prominently in the dedication of this convalescent home.

As a result of these disclosures, the U. S. S.'s Board of Directors, including Admiral Land, chairman, Henry Kaiser, Harry Lundberg, president of the AFL Seafarers' International Union, are embarrassed.

Kaiser actually submitted his resignation last week but later withdrew it temporarily at the request of Capt. Edward Macauley, Deputy War Shipping Administrator. However, AFL leader Harry Lundberg, a member of the board of directors, also plans to resign in the near future.

Army Moves Fast

R. R. Rice of Rockport, Tex., came to Washington the other day and learned to his grief how ephemeral and transitory are the agencies and individuals of the federal government.

Rice is a boat builder, and he came to talk about a contract to build small wooden boats and barges for the army. Working through the office Rice got an appointment with an officer in the War Department. The time of the appointment was 9:00 a .m.

Rice was on hand at the appointed time, but not the officer. At 9:30, Congressman Kleberg's office received a telephone call from the officer, who said:

"I'm sorry I can't receive Mr. Rice. I was in charge of small boats yesterday, but during the night I was transferred from boats to railroads."

Tariff Fight

The beet boys are back in town.

Even before the new congress convenes, the beet sugar lobby is booking rooms at the best hotels, getting set for a drive against Cordell Hull and his good neighbor policy.

Through trade agreements, Hull has reduced tariffs on cane sugar from Latin-America countries. The tariff on Cuban sugar has been given the maximum reduction to 75 cents a hundred pounds. And the so-called "full-duty" countries, such as Peru and the Dominican Republic, have received welcome cuts from their high $2.50 tariff.

But Hull's trade agreement powers expire again this year, as they do every three years, and he must seek renewal from congress. This gives the beet boys their chance. Sensing the insurgent spirit of the new congress, with its increased Republican strength, the lobby will try to hamstring the "old man's" authority.

In fact, they are preparing to take on two fights at once. One will be against Hull's cocessios to our Latin neighbors; the other against price controls. They want higher sugar prices, and a scrapping of sugar subsidies. If ceilings are removed, the price of sugar will go high enough to pay all production costs, and farmers will be against Hull's concessions government subsidy.

This is the lobby line. But it will be fought to the bitter end by the Administration.

Camouflaged Pigeons

Members of the Army Signal corps are noted for their close-mouthed silence. One morning in Washington, a group of candidates for admission to the FBI asked a group of young Signal Corps soldiers what sort of work they were doing.

First there was only grim silence. Then one man spoke up. "We camouflage carrier pigeons."

This was perplexing. "How do you camouflage carrier pigeons?" countered the FBI candidate.

"You must have seen them flying around our building. We work close to you. Haven't you seen them?"

"No never saw one."

"Well," said the Signal Corps, "if you never saw one of our camouflaged pigeons, that proves what a good job we are doing!"

Soldiers' Mail

The Army Postal Service has handled 10,000 tons of Christmas mail to soldiers overseas. Some has been sunk, but through no fault of the Army. V mail is now being used at the amazing rate of 1,000,000 letters a week — all to foreign posts . . . Mail to soldiers overseas, including air and sea mail, recently reached a high point of 10,000,000 pieces in one week . . . These figures are for the army alone, and don't include other branches of the service . . . One letter was received in Washington from Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands just ten days after it was mailed . . . In the front lines of Pacific fighting, soldiers are more interested in mail than food.

Just town talk

IT'S CHRISTMAS
AND PEOPLE
ARE SLOWING Down
AFTER BEING
IN A Dither
TRYING TO Get
ALL THEIR
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
DONE
ONE MAN
WAS SO Busy
THAT HE Drove
SEVERAL MILES
FROM HIS Home
INTO A Small Town
TO GET A
HAIR CUT
WHEN HE Came Home
HIS WIFE Looked
AT HIM
AND REMARKED
THE BARBER
HADN'T DONE
A VERY Good Job
"OH MY Goodness"
HE EXCLAIMED
"I FORGOT To
GET THE Haircut"
AND OUT He Rushed
AND DROVE Back
TO THE Town
AND SO It Goes
WITH MANY
OTHERS
WHOSE MINDS
MAY HAVE Been
ON THE
BOYS IN The Service
OR SOMETHING Else
OF THAT NATURE
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU
AND
I THANK YOU

Back To An Old American Idea



NEA Service, Inc.

Frantic Festival

By Edmund Fancott

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THE STORY: Myra Mack and Fay Rathbone, two Montreal girls, are invited to spend their Christmas vacations as guests of eccentric Ferdy Lorton, an artist who has a cottage in the Laurentian Mountains. One of the guests is Benny Brien, who accepts the invitation because it offers a hideaway for Beano McCluskey, a wrestler. Beano is in possession of a fortune in stolen jewels, and Benny plans to hide him by having him appear as Santa Claus in a Montreal department store.

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NOT-SO-GOOD WILL

CHAPTER III

CHRISTMAS is a season of peace and good will to all men, a season of snow and Christmas cards, of stores brilliantly lighted and crowded with people and presents and gay wrappings and glittering tinsel and enough living replicas of Santa Claus to leave in the mind of the average child a pleasant confusion and a confirmation of that gentleman's miraculous ability to be everywhere at once.

Christmas is also the season of torture for those most noble of men whose fate it is to impersonate the gentleman who takes all of the praise but none of the blame for the festive season.

Of all the impersonators of Santa Claus Beano suffered most but bore it all most nobly. The immense relief of being temporarily free from the distracting influence of the police bathed his limited brain with a balm of peace. But Beano had no real love for children. In spite of his size and forbidding countenance in ordinary life he was one of those grown-ups that small boys feel are fair game. Under his disguise 99 per cent of the young customers who filed before him did so with awe and reverence but the other one per cent, disbelievers and saboteurs, took every opportunity to destroy his new-found peace of mind. After the third day they had succeeded completely.

The favorite technique was for the saboteurs to approach with the long line of waiting children, and then as Santa Claus bent over them to listen to their secret requests for Christmas, to slip a thread noose over a few strands of the low hanging beard and then trail the loose end away with them from the danger zone.

The saboteur would button-hole a meek-looking child and handing the end of the thread would order him to count three and pull hard and see what Santa Claus would bring him.

The youthful saboteur would be away in a trice, waiting to see what happened and to give a suitable horse laugh to add to the discomfiture of Santa Claus.

This trick upset Beano's faith in the younger generation and he counteracted by gently stroking off his beard after each child passed. But he discounted the ingenuity of youth and the end came quite quickly.

The climax came when one boy slipped a bent pin under him as he leaned forward to catch the whisper of a tiny tot. He patted the child affectionately and leaned back. Action and reaction were instantaneous. He gave a yelp of pain, and leaped to his feet, lifting one of them sharply to contact the seat of the pants of the offending boy.

Unfortunately it was the wrong boy, a boy who was under the adoring eye of an amazon of a mother. She charged like an elephant defending its young and her umbrella hit Beano between the eyes and sat him back upon the pin. His leap back to his feet was so sudden and accompanied by so fierce an expression that the mother was convinced he had returned to attack her. She screamed and defended herself by a swift attack with the umbrella.

Under other circumstances Beano might have turned the other cheek but he was at the breaking point and he turned his back instead and fled. He was a man of a singular simplicity of mind and it didn't occur to him to stop at the office and make explanations, particularly as the woman, lacking originality, had screamed after him, "Stop Thief, Stop Thief."

* * *

BEANO streamed through the store like a red comet with a rapidly widening trail of pursuers and he realized with horror that there was more than supposition in the woman's accusation. The little suede leather bag of diamonds beat against his leg as he ran reminding him that once investigation began he might be forever lost. The thought added fleetness to his feet and a lack of gentleness in his removal of any opposition to his progress.

He gained upon the pursuit as the pursuit gained in numbers and confusion but any doubts he might have had about the wisdom of flight were finally dispelled by the necessity of disposing of a dignified and heroic floorwalker who attempted to interfere with the directness of his flight. He was compelled to dispose of the floorwalker by placing him over the notions counter without regard to his dignity or the inconvenience of scattering notions all over the floor.

A car was pulling away from the curb and with remarkable presence of mind Beano flung himself inside.

"Ha," said an unperturbed voice, "Christmas has come."

"Quick," said Beano. "The hospital."

With the quick instinctive action that distinguishes the Canadian soldier, the young man in the car slipped into high gear.

"Accident?" said the young man.

"Punctured in two places," said Beano gasping for breath.

"So it sounds," replied the young man. He was big and pleasant and wore the black beret of the armored corps.

He turned the car sharply, ignoring the traffic light, and sped up the hill. The car swept to a perfect landing on the steps of the hospital.

"Here's the hospital," said Lieutenant Benson. "Is this really an emergency call or would you like me to drive you back?"

"I'd hate to trouble you," said Beano. "But Benny Brien says to me when I left him, if anything goes wrong with your heart, he says, look up a specialist by the name of Ferdy in Union Avenue."

At the mention of this name the young man lifted his eyebrows.

"Ferdy?" he said.

"Yes, dat's it."

"I knew he was an artist at his job and a wow with hearts but hardly in the direction you suggest."

Beano hesitated but only for a moment.

"You know him?"

"Know him? Why I'm spending Christmas with him."

"Well now ain't the world small. So am I. What say we look him up."

Lieutenant Benson relaxed. This was the natural thing to expect when one was a friend of Ferdy. He began to turn the car.

Beano snuggled down as much as his bulk would allow. "Mind if I tune in on the police radio. They get some interesting programs."

"Quite," said Lieutenant Benson. He was beginning to feel reassured himself. If there was anything he hated it was a dull Christmas and he was beginning to feel that Ferdy would not let him down.

(To Be Continued)

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Pope Pius XII Broadcasts Greetings

Worlds Must Have External Peace And Internal Peace

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII, broadcasting a Christmas message and blessing to the Christian world today, asserted that the church will not take part in the war although it is not deaf to the world situation, but declared that "a new danger has arisen—the subordination of everything to politics and the heresy of a national state which subordinates all to human law."

As "custodian of natural and supernatural order," His Holiness said he "must ask observance of those rules on which human life is based and on which any new order in the world must be built."

The world desires peace, the pope said.

"This peace must be not only an external peace among the nations of the world, but internal peace," he added. "Inside each nation there must be unity and love.

"Each year the coming of Christmas brings to the ears of all Christians a message coming from Jesus out of the stables in Bethlehem, a light among darkness, a message which enlightens with celestial beauty and verity this world darkened by mistakes," the pope said.

Condemns Socialism

At one point the pope said the "church has always condemned Marxist socialism and today it reaffirms that statement."

His message, in reply to the cardinals' annual Christmas greeting, was broadcast by the Vatican radio.

"Order and security must inspire confidence of the peoples," he said. "The aim must be not to dominate, but to serve."

Turning to another point, he said "the church cannot ignore the fact that the war is still fighting against some machinery which is not a natural obstacle, but an obstacle erected by other human beings. The worker must be assured of some private property, especially a father with a big family."

He declared the church must fight against these barriers, appealing to a better society and an end to "this very sad period of anguish."

"The way will be long," he said. "The way will be hard, but there are five milestones.

"First, whoever wants peace must give back to humanity the dignity given to it by the creator.

Rights to Everyone

"Second . . . social reforms, giving to everyone the right to exercise his full rights, namely family, marriage . . ."

"Third, (radio reception here was not clear.)

"Fourth—whoever wants peace must give back to work the place assigned to it by God and protect the worker and his family with all the means modern society is able to provide.

"Fifth—Whoever wants peace must collaborate for the deepest reintegration of the social and juridical order. As the juridical rules given by God assure every human being of protection against arbitrary attacks, new and effective measures must be taken to this effect, namely the juridical safety of individuals. This may be obtained only by the creation of legal tribunals."

The pope added that the existing legal rules should not be changed by internal revolution, but that the state should adhere strictly to rules protecting the individual.

"Whoever wants peace must put himself at the service of society and fight for peace."

Teach Home Protection

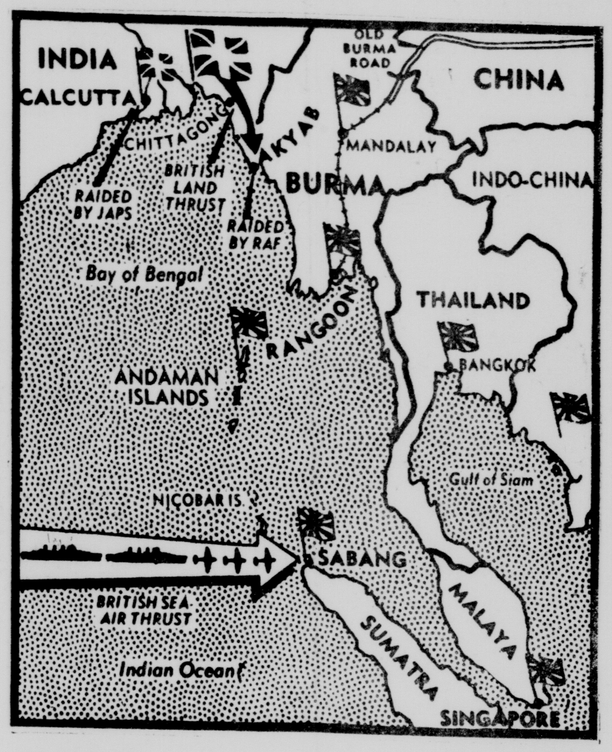
Universities are now offering special government sponsored courses in organization and techniques of civilian protection. The Chemical Warfare Service has charge of instruction.

Ninth of Jobs War-Vital

The War Manpower Commission has made public a job classification index that lists one in every nine jobs in American industry and agriculture as vital to the war effort.

Democrat-Capital Class Ads get results, 10 words, 1 week, 80c. Phone 1000.

British Blast Jap Base



British Burma-Indian Ocean offensive shapes up with aerial sea attack on Jap base north of Sumatra while armies thrust south toward Akyab from India. Planes of a British naval force dealt heavy damage at the Japanese naval and fueling base of Sabang off the northwest tip of Sumatra. (NEA TELEPHOTO).

Rats

CLAYTON, N. M.—A three-cent bounty on rat tails has produced all sorts of rat-catching methods in this rodent-harassed town. They include:

Cheese, of course.

Flooding rat holes.

Fishing them out. (One boy got three.)

And village gossip says one fellow tootled a saxophone into a hole and scared out a dozen.

Everything else being equal, the plane with the highest horsepower per pound will perform the best.

Tests are being made to develop a pickup device to recover landed gliders.

Army to Eat Citrus Fruits

With an eye toward the health of the Yanks overseas, the War Production Board has authorized purchase of large quantities of citrus fruits for army and navy consumption. Canners have been ordered to set aside part of their 1942-43 pack for the government.

Invest 10% in War Bonds!

For Class Ads, Phone 1000.

Gliders are able to land in fields too small for power ships.



CHRISTMAS 1942 — May it bring you a bountiful fullness of peace, happiness and all the things of your heart's dearest desire!

Geo. Bryan
SERVICE STATION
520 S. LAMINE



APPRECIATION—We take this opportunity to express to you our appreciation of your business during the past year and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

FOWLER
INSURANCE AGENCY
410½ So. Ohio Phone 83



The Best Yet—That's the kind of Christmas we hope you have

SEDALIA REFRIGERATION CO.
218 W. Main St. Telephone 234



WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS
And a Victorious New Year

STANLEY COAL CO.
120 N. Ohio St. Phone 26



ALL OF US in our firm extend to all of you in your homes—Holiday Greetings!

Baird & Corley
INSURANCE CO.
112 W. 4th St. Phone 970



MAY ALL THE JOY that is possible for Christmas to bestow be yours at this gladsome and joyous time. May the New Year bring you health, wealth and happiness.

DUFF MOTOR SERVICE
321 W. Main St. Telephone 884



A boxful of Christmas Cheer and Wishes for a very Happy New Year.

QUEEN CITY SHOE REPAIR SHOP
117 S. OHIO



At this Christmastide may we rededicate ourselves to a greater, fuller service to our community, to help enrich our own lives and those with whom we come in contact.

Pete's Pig Pen
Pete Drenas and Employees
420 S. OSAGE



ONE MOMENT PLEASE! Stop unwrapping your gifts just long enough for us to say Merry Christmas, and Thank You . . . We hope you get everything you have longed for and a lot more, too.

Bryan-Paulus Awning Co.
604 So. Ohio St. Telephone 131



MANY GOOD WISHES—To you this glad Christmas season and may it be yours to enjoy contentment and prosperity during all the year to folllow.

DR. PEPPER BOTTLING CO.
927 So. Limit Phone 324



The Light of Hope For A Blacked-Out World

Our message this year is not one of "Merry Christmas" because after a year of war there are homes in which this cannot be a happy holiday. May a more spiritual Christmas reassure us that the promise inherent in the birth of Christ is the light of hope for a world blacked-out by total war. As surely as it glowed through the dismal centuries of the past that light will again brighten the world with mercy, justice, and peace.

McLAUGHLIN BROS.
Funeral Chapel



To Every one A Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for The New Year

The American people have traveled a long and difficult road since December 7, 1941. The whole world has been tossed into the cauldron of war.

With abiding faith in Democratic and Constitutional Government; civilization's need for its preservation; abhorence of oppression, Americans stand fast in unity of spirit and cooperation to win this war.

Together, then, the road ahead offers no insurmountable obstacles free and determined citizens cannot overcome.

We, therefore, have joined hands with our fellowmen to complete the task begun.

In continued fellowship and service we pause momentarily to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK
A SEDALIA INSTITUTION



SEASON'S BEST

With joy and happiness manifold, we wish you all the health, peace and cheer the New Year can hold.

ROSE BEAUTY SHOP

At Waldman's



If all the good wishes in the world were put together they would express our Christmas greeting to you.

HOWELL'S SEED STORE

114 S. Osage Phone 480

Santa Wasn't Caught Napping By Sudden 'Changes of Address' On A. E. F.'s Christmas Mail



Wherever they are stationed over home and abroad will get their Yu advance who's going Christmas, U. S. fighting men at letide mail—for Santa knows in where—and when.

By JAMES CULLINANE
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus wasn't fooled last October by those Christmas packages mailed to troops in Ireland, Britain and other invasion bases. He'll deliver them in Africa.

Willing conspirators with Santa were Brig. Gen. Clayton S. Adams, chief of the Army Postal Service and his military postmen.

Long before the men for whom the presents were intended ever dreamed they would be in Africa, the Army Postal Service knew which units would be assigned to the invasion front.

As the deadline drew near, mail for the invasion units was separated from that intended for troops who would remain in Britain, Ireland and the other way stops on the road to Berlin. It was marked for delivery to new American bases in Africa when they opened.

Shipped 14,729,680 Pounds

Doughboys on the second front, as a result of this happy conspiracy with Santa, will receive in front line zones this month the presents their families and sweethearts mailed two months ago.

Military postmen shipped 14,729,680 pounds of Christmas packages and mail to soldiers overseas between October 1 and December 1.

Heaviest shipments cleared through the Army Post Office in New York which handled 146,138 sacks of parcel post, weighing about 8,037,590 pounds; 27,486,135 pieces of first class mail; 5,225,220 pieces of air mail and 1,499,200 V-mail letters.

One of the cargo ships carrying mail to the British Isles sank in the North Atlantic. On it were 4986 sacks, most of them stuffed with parcel post packages. All of these packages which went to the bottom were mailed before October 3.

At the time the Army received Christmas mail there were some 800,000 troops outside the United States. The 14,729,680 pounds of packages and mail dispatched to them compare with only 5,200,000 pounds of mail sent to the 2,000,000 men of the first A. E. F. for the last two war Christmases.

The Army Post Office in San Francisco which clears mail for troops in Pacific outposts handled 104,045 sacks of parcel post weighing 5,722,426 pounds between October 1 and December 1. In addition 11,047,050 pieces of first class mail; 3,086,090 pieces of air mail and 2,272,000 letters were dispatched to the Pacific fighters.

Presents Follow Soldier

The avalanche of overseas Christmas mail was only a trickle, however, compared to the mountains of holiday parcels which are moving to troops in this country.

Each Army Post has its own post office. Part of the equipment is a "locater"—an index system which gives the whereabouts of every soldier ever stationed at the post. Presents delivered after a soldier has been transferred are turned back to the Federal Postal Service for reshipment to his new post.

Every soldier has an Army serial number and an Army Post Office number. If known, these should be included with the soldier's full name, rank, company, regiment and camp on all mail, General Adams declares.



Here's Wishing you a jolly Christmas and hoping your path through the coming year will be a smooth one.

THRIFTY DRESS SHOP

120 S. OHIO

THE SEASON'S GOOD CHEER to everybody. Because we are proud to number you among our friends we send you these Christmas greetings. May this Christmas bring added pleasures of true health and happiness to every one of you.

HEUER'S SHOE STORE

205 SO. OHIO ST.

Merry Christmas

* TO ALL *

To all the people of Sedalia, whether at home or on fighting fronts, we wish the utmost in happiness to last through the holidays and '43!

Where Buying is Saving!
WALKER'S
CLOTHING SHOES FURNISHINGS
109 W. MAIN SEDALIA, MO.



We hope you enjoy this Christmas more than any on your records!

CRAMER'S

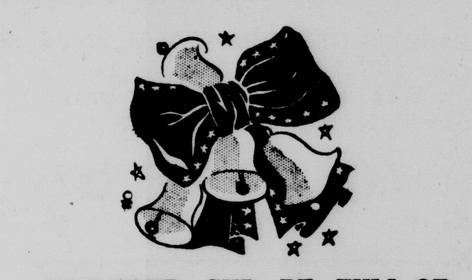
901 E. 13th
1500 S. OSAGE



A Joyful New Year —One of our resolutions is to serve you with increasing efficiency throughout the days to come

Lucille's BEAUTY SHOP

512½ So. Ohio Phone 361



Joyous GREETINGS

The entire staff joins us in sending you wishes for the Merriest of Merry Christmases.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goldsmith — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kahrs
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strader — Bob Goldsmith

Stewart Avenue Market

1010 So. Stewart Telephone 20

Merry Christmas

WE FEEL GRATEFUL to each of you . . . To all our friends . . . To our many patients . . . May the days of the coming year be Happy, Prosperous days for you all. We will be better prepared during the coming year than ever before to serve you and earnest efforts will be put forward to show you our appreciation.

May we serve you?

DR. F. O. MURPHY

OPTOMETRIST

318 So. Ohio St. Phone 870

GREETINGS! May all the joys of a glorious Christmas be the good fortune of our many friends and customers.

E. C. Hamilton

REAL ESTATE

Third National Bank Bldg.
PHONE 23

Holiday Greetings—the merry season is here, and we hope that it contains a multitude of blessings for you.

Clyde Swafford Service Station

4th and Osage

MAY YOUR CUP BE FULL OF Cheer this Christmas Morning—May all your troubles vanish and all your dreams come true. We're hoping fortunes may be yours to enjoy in coming year.

BAGBY POULTRY FARMS

318 W. 2nd St. Phone 975



CHRISTMAS JOY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. We realize more than ever how much it means to have the friendship of folks like you. Please accept our sincere thanks and our good wishes for a prosperous New Year.

SEDALIA IMPLEMENT CO.

218 W. 2nd St. Phone 466



May joy, love and cheer be your companions Christmas Day and all the year.

SEDALIA MONUMENT WORKS

2200 E. Bdwy. Phone 207

Community News From

Clarksburg

Mrs. Maude Albin

The W. M. U. met Friday at the church annex and quilted in the morning, had a covered dish luncheon at the noon hour, and held the regular monthly W. M. U. program in the afternoon.

The O. E. S. had its annual Christmas program Friday night at the Masonic lodge hall. In keeping with the usual custom, gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Truman Ruppert spent a few days last week in Kansas City visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Norman Clark left Sunday for her home in Kansas City, after spending the week with her father, Chester Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Battles, of west of town, received a letter Friday of last week from their son, Jeff, from whom they had not heard for ten weeks. He states that he landed in Africa December 9, and wrote the letter the 10th; it arrived December 18. He states that he is well, and that he had 65 letters and cards awaiting him when he landed in Africa.

Mrs. Bird Sturgis had, as her holiday guest, her son, Hugh Barton, who is attending Drury college, at Springfield.

Rev. and Mrs. Denzil Albin returned home Thursday evening for a two-weeks vacation from Southwest Baptist college, at Bolivar, Mo. They will return the first week in January and finish the semester, which closes January 15. Mrs. Albin has been elected teacher at Keener school, northwest of Clarksburg, to teach the last half of the term, as the former teacher, Mrs. Gene Sullens, resigned to go to Vancouver, Wash., where her husband is in army camp. Mrs. Albin began teaching Monday morning, and will teach the two weeks which compose her vacation from college. After her return to Bolivar, Keener school will have its vacation. At the close of those two weeks, Mrs. Albin will take up the school again for the remainder of the term.



Here's wishing you a jolly time during Merry Christmas days and the New Year!

WM. H. CARL

INSURANCE-REAL ESTATE

309 S. Ohio Phone 291



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GREETINGS—

May the Chritmas Day of 1942 be happier than any Christmas day you have ever known before.

DONNOHUE

Loan and Investment Co.

410 So. Ohio St. Telephone 6

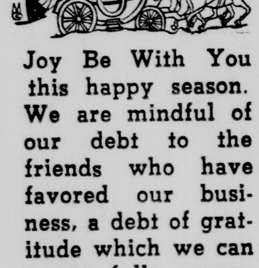


NOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS HERE— We hope that the very atmosphere about you will be charged with the good old cheer of Christmas and that you and yours will have a full measure of the best the season affords.

GOLDEN ROAST COFFEE CO.

MAIN AND PROSPECT SEDALIA

TOM WALCH AND EMPLOYEES



Joy Be With You this happy season. We are mindful of our debt to the friends who have favored our business, a debt of gratitude which we can never fully repay.

KEELE'S SERVICE STATION

403 So. Lamine Phone 998



We sincerely wish you a most wonderful Christmas

Highleyman

INSURANCE AGENCY

3rd and Lamine



Merry Christmas

If all the good wishes in the world were put together they'd express our Christmas greeting to you.

SEDALIA BOWLING ALLEY

510 S. OHIO



At This Festive Season may we express to you our appreciation of the cordial relations between us and extend our best wishes for a happy Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

Main Street Auto Parts

715 W. Main Phone 98



We will be closed December 26th.

A Christmas Salute to All the Folks in

SEDALIA

We wish to express to you our appreciation of the pleasant association between us, and extend our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and the fulfillment of every bright promise for your happiness in the New Year.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.

ORDER OFFICE



CHRISTMAS JOY. We take this opportunity of Wishing our many friends every Joy of the happy season. Your friendship is appreciated. May God bless you all.

RAINBOW BEAUTY SHOP

408½ So. Ohio St. Phone 616



If our wishes are heeded your holiday season and New Year will be filled with merriment and happiness.

Harvey Bros. Imp. Co.

305 W. Main Street Telephone 332



WE HEARTILY EXTEND you our best wishes for the merriest of Yuletides and express our appreciation for your loyalty and cooperation during the past year

Thomas Book & Printing Co.

J. P. HURTT

117 E. 2nd St. Phone 149

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

As outlined by the Seers of this Earth.

That all people shall be bound in Fellowship and Kindness, shall replace Greed and Hate and you shall teach your Seed not to hate others because of different ideas or belief or color. All are born on this earth of same quality God has given to all. Go somewhere in your home or some place of worship and quietly pray to God to forgive you and you shall forgive others and eliminate all else from your minds. Be kind to your fellowmen, that's why we are having wars, because of our hate. Don't let it get the best of you, and after 1945 we shall have a lapse for awhile. Then will arise the New Era of religion between the Star and the Cross or Crescent and the Cross power of Authority in the hands of the Pulling Cross and not likely to relinquish. But finally the Meek shall inherit this earth for the good of all mankind. Remember a year ago in The Free Press, about how this will end? Ask The Free Press for it. May God bless us all in this darkest of time. Let us all thank God for our country with its Freedom for all people and for its goodness in this present age, and let us be thankful for the food we have that others don't.

May we extend our Greetings and wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

GORDON BROTHERS

Wholesale and Retail Fruits and Vegetables.
In business since 1922 and hope to continue always.



CHRISTMAS—Every day we feel appreciative of the favors of our patrons and of all courtesies shown us but it is especially at the Christmas season we like to pause and think back over the pleasures derived from our business dealings. So here's wishing you the best of health, the most of wealth and the greater happiness than has been yours before.

The Friendly

FRANKLIN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

MANAGER OF SEDALIA TERRITORY
OFFICE:
122 W. THIRD PHONE 70



KEEP IT CLEAN. Broken glass in the gutter is no good for your tires so Jeff Donnell and Adele Mara add to the attractions of Hollywood's Sunset boulevard with a bit of street sweeping. Rubber Director William Jeffers advises us to keep nails off the street, too.

Community News From

Clifton City

Miss Challis Johnson

Mrs. O. T. Bridges entertained the members of the Christian Women's Service at her home Thursday afternoon. The Christmas theme prevailed throughout the afternoon in the lesson study, led by Mrs. Bridges, and also in the home decorations and refreshments, which were served at the conclusion.

Miss Hazel Maples, who has employment in Smithton, visited the weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Lillie Maples, and family.

Mrs. W. B. Hurt is visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Hurt, at Pleasant Green, since her husband's departure for military service Wednesday, December 16.

Richard Black, who resides alone, had the misfortune to have his residence and contents destroyed by fire Tuesday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCarty and Mrs. Clyde McCarty, Jr., of Warsaw, visited here last week with Mr. McCarty's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bridges.

Miss Challis Louise Johnson, student at Stephens college, Columbia, came December 16 to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Add Johnson, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Logan Siegel entertained the 4-H club of the Lovelace district at her home Friday evening. In the absence of the president, Miss Audrey Thierfielder, Mrs. Siegel presided over the meeting, after which games were played and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Ernest Bidstrup, who is in military training, stationed at Aberdeen, Md., came home this week to spend his Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bidstrup.

Mrs. J. E. Maples received word that her son, Earl Maples, who has been at a hospital at Cape Girardeau the past three months, was able to be brought to the home of his sister, Mrs. Vern Neale, at Slater, recently, and expects to return to his home here this coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Walker have as their guest their son, Emmett Walker, who is in training at a camp in the state of California.

Kenneth Potter, of Jefferson City, visited here Saturday night and Sunday with his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potter received a letter from their son, L. J., who has been in training at the Great Lakes, since the beginning of the war, stating that he was leaving the U. S., and expected to be in Pearl Harbor by the time they received the letter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Coe had as their guests Sunday, Mrs. Coe's brother and sister, J. M. Johnson, and wife, and Mrs. Lee Cayton, Mr. Cayton, and son, Joe Lee, of Pilot Grove.

Mrs. John Tavenner formerly Miss Fern Todd, who was recently married, was honored with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Sue Todd Saturday evening by Mrs. Willie Todd and Miss Virgina Walz. Approximately twenty relatives and guests were present. Mrs. Tavenner was presented with many gifts, after which refreshments were served by the hostesses.

A newly developed type of plate glass for use in airplane cabins strains out all but .4 per cent of the ultra-violet in the sun's rays.

Tubeless tires are being given "the works" by private drivers and are found to stand up well under various road conditions—with reservations as to speed, etc.



May all the joys of Christmases past and present be surpassed by a future, peacefully, Happy Yuletide.

Deal's Market

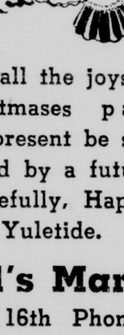
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Greetings to you and yours for a very merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year.

SHIRLEY Furnace Co.

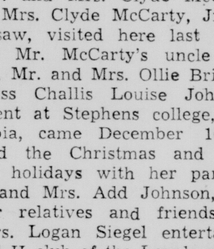
7th and Ohio



Again we ask you is our Holiday wish for all.

WHOLESALE AUTO PARTS

205 S. Osage Phone 766



A CHRISTMAS WISH — To thank our many patrons for the wonderful Christmas business we have received and hope your gift from our store was just what you wanted.

J. H. Mertz Drug Co.

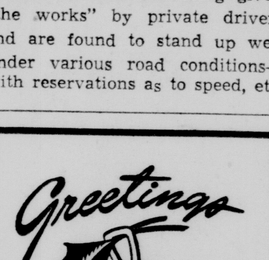
210 SO. OHIO

WE GREET YOU with all good wishes for a glorious holiday season.

STEVENS

PAINT and WALLPAPER

710 S. Ohio Phone 514



Your patronage through the years past is evidence of the confidence you have in our organization, and we trust it may continue in the same amicable way for many years to come.

Western Auto Associate Store

107 W. Main Phone 717



May The Christmas Bells Ring

May the Christmas Bells ring in a most happy season. May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of this community. May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Cramer Roofing Co.

Genuine Ru-Ber-Oid Materials

115 E. 2nd St. Phone 61

A Merry American



CHRISTMAS

and a

Happy, Victorious New Year!

★

Above all other things in our memory at this glad Yuletide is the thought of the pleasant relationships which we have enjoyed with those we are privileged to serve . . . for the most cherished gift of all is your friendship and good will.

We appreciate too the blessings we have inherited by living in a part of the world where human values are recognized at their face value . . . where there is still "Peace on Earth ,Good Will Toward Men."

★

The Management and Personnel extend this Yuletide Greeting:

I. H. Reed
L. W. Duly
P. W. Keyes
Chester Eding
Mamie McMullin
John Landes
Hall Pledge
C. E. Van Horn
Edwin Shoemaker
C. C. Simmons
J. B. Drake
G. S. Wilderman
L. C. Heuerman, Jr.
J. E. Baugher
H. C. Johnson
L. E. Jones
W. J. Anderson
S. M. Knapp
L. F. Ditzfield
George Coffman
Karl Brosing
J. A. Bruns
W. H. Glasgow
Ellis Smith

SEDALIA WATER COMPANY

"YOUR PUBLIC SERVANT FOR YEARS"



WE EXPRESS THE WISH THAT THIS BE YOUR VERY MERRIEST OF ALL CHRISTMASES!

MENEFEE COAL CO.

400 W. 2nd St. Phone 328



Our Heartiest Well Wishes —Our sincere wish is that this Christmas may be one of dreams come true, a day that will find you truly glad, and the very best that you have ever had.

QUEEN CITY ELECTRIC CO.

315 So. Ohio



A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS— Just the same old wish that we have sent during the years we have been serving you.

CHAS. HOLMES & SON

113 E. MAIN PHONE 868



Season's Greetings To Everyone

WE ARE HOPING that each of you enjoys the Merriest Christmas ever. Your consideration of this firm in the past has been of tremendous importance and it is with gratitude for your patronage that we extend our most cordial good wishes for the Yuletide season.

MEADOW GOLD ICE CREAM

MERRY CHRISTMAS

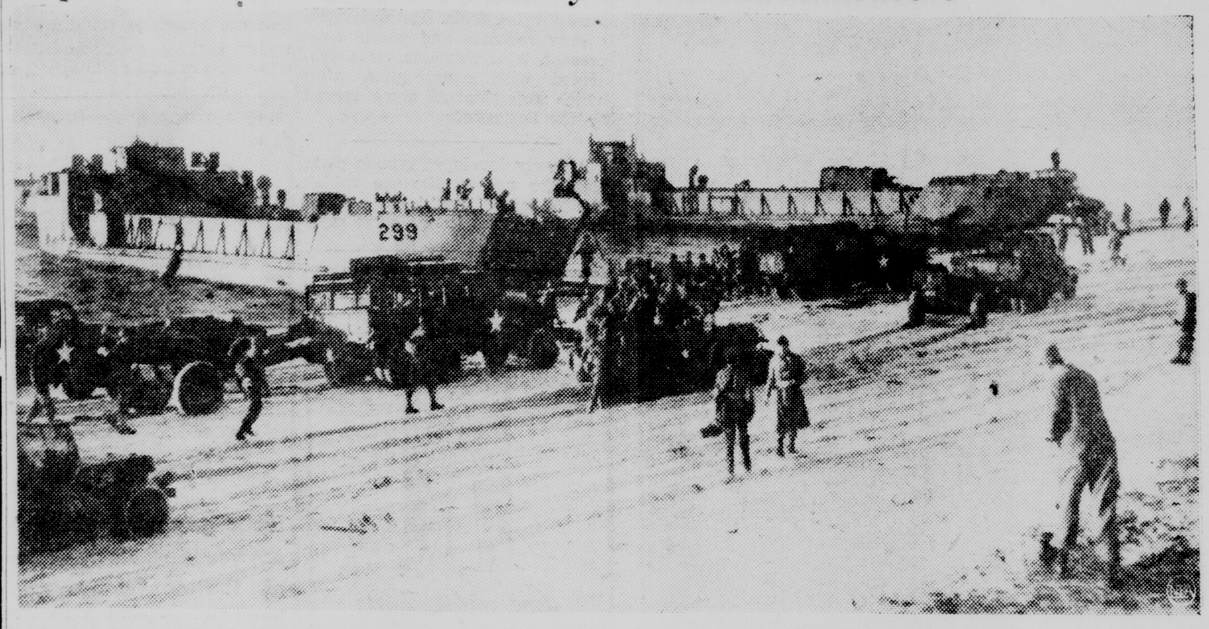
THIS IS THE SEASON OF "Greetings." It is the time when we wish to tell you how we appreciate the courtesies you have shown us in the past year. We appreciate all you have done to help us in our enterprise, and sincerely hope that the pleasant relationship that has prevailed will continue throughout the coming year.

PRODUCERS PRODUCE

ST. LOUIS and MILL STREETS

SEDALIA, MO.

Ships From Kansas' 'Prairie Factory' In Florida Maneuvers



Number 299, a product of the prairie, is being readied for battle activity as are the soldiers of the new engineer amphibious command using it in this photo in landing maneuvers near Camp Carrabelle, Fla. The boat has been identified as one of those made by The Darby corporation, Kansas City, Kas. (NEA TELEPHOTO).

Community News From

Warsaw

Genevieve Drake

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCarty visited relatives in Clifton City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hammond were hosts at a six o'clock dinner Thursday, December 11, honoring Junior Preuitt, who went to Fort Leavenworth the following day for induction into the Army. Other guests were: Misses Doris Jean Breshears, Marceline Bishop, Vivian Harms; "Butch" Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Olen Downs.

Miss Dorothy May, Benton county home demonstration agent, is spending her Christmas vacation as the guest of her father in Tennessee.

Mrs. David Leffert and son went to Kansas City December 10, to join Mr. Leffert, who is employed in Kansas City.

Miss Josephine Johnson of Green Ridge spent the week-end here with her sister, Miss Fannie.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Basalee, Miss Helen Basalee, and Harold Lee Basalee of Green Ridge were guests Tuesday and Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Basalee's brother, M. M. Hammond, and Mrs. Hammond. The following day Harold Lee left for Fort Leavenworth.

Mrs. Ada Duckworth went to Manchester, Ill., Wednesday to spend the holidays with her sister.

The Baptist Missionary Society met with Mrs. Alvin Groomer Thursday afternoon and enjoyed a Christmas party, with an exchange of gifts. The following officers were installed for the ensuing year: president, Mrs. Donald Turpin; vice-president, Mrs M. M. Hammond; secretary, Mrs. Cora Martin; and treasurer, Miss Gladys Iiams.

Wednesday night the Civic club met with Miss Mary Lay, who was assisted by Mrs. M. N. White. This was the regular December meeting, held later in the month, and included a Christmas party. The members enjoyed prizes and gifts.

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist church met with Mrs. G. W. Drake for the regular monthly meeting.

Billy Wagner, a senior at Central college, Fayette, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wagner.

Mrs. Stella Mitchener arrived last week for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Chris Robb, and Mr. Robb. She will remain for the holidays.

The Marthas of the Methodist church met with Mrs. G. W. Drake Thursday for their regular monthly meeting and annual Christmas party. Mrs. Wagner had charge of the devotional meeting. Other members and guests included: Mrs. Hashagen, Mrs. B. E. Eoff, Mrs. Lloyd Parsons, Mrs. Minnie Hart, Mrs. Lloyd Bresee, Mrs. O. Cochran, Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, Mrs. J. R. Boring, Mrs. Maggie Bailey, Mrs. Guss Salley, Mrs. T. J. Feaster, Mrs. A. H. Harris, Miss Jessie Harris, Mrs. L. L. Schroeder, and Mrs. R. W. Hudson. Gifts were exchanged.

Otis Hammond of Sedalia, is a guest this week in the home of his brother, M. M. Hammond, and Mrs. Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Schroeder have recently moved to the Wren Crawford house in west Warsaw.

Raymond Burton of the U. S. Army has been visiting friends and relatives in Warsaw.

The Women's Bridge club held its annual Christmas dinner and party at Westview Monday night at which time they were hostesses to their husbands. Members and guests were: Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Paull, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart Fajen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newland, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Groomer, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parker, Miss Ruth Rucker, and Miss Beryl Gregory. Mrs. Newland and Mr. Groomer had high scores, with Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Parker second high.

Miss Vidah Lee Cunningham, a senior in C. M. S. T. C., Warrensburg, came Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her father, Emmett Cunningham, and Mrs. Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Durward Martin and family of Kansas City spent the week-end in Warsaw and Fairfield.

Miss Nola Barrow of Green Ridge was the week-end guest of her cousin, Miss Ruth Rucker.

Miss Geraldine Allen will spend her Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Laura Allen, and sister, Mrs. Norman Thurmon.

Members of the Warsaw faculty enjoying a steak dinner and bridge party at Westview Thursday night were: Misses Fern Hashagen, Nelvada Surbaugh, Idellah Holley, Grace Woirhaye, Gladys Meyers, Florence Hudson, Miriam Freeman, Lois Moore, Mrs. Harold Parratt, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Q. B. Kinder.



GET THOSE COINS INTO CIRCULATION!

300 Oil Trains Daily

Oil is rolling toward the east coast at the rate of 300 trainloads a day. Trains average 50 cars each, and are moving oil under a new solid-train plan.

Democrat-Capital Class Ads get results, 10 words, 1 week, 80c

Invest 10% in War Bonds!

Mohair Unrestricted

Mohair has been completely released from restrictions of the Wool Conservation Order. Practically all mohair comes from Texas, and present stocks amount to 19,000,000 pounds. An additional 8,000,000 pounds will soon be shorn.

Cabs Cut A Third

Of 11,700 licensed taxicabs in New York City (22 per cent of all licensed cabs in U. S.) a third have been taken out of service to save rubber, gasoline, and equipment.

Democrat-Capital Class Ads get results, 10 words, 1 week, 80c Phone 1000.

Invest 10 per cent in War Saving Bonds!

For Class Ads, Phone 1000.



After the season is over — remember we wish you all that is good all year.

State Fair Grocery

16th and Beacon



We're here again . . . to wish you the best of everything throughout the Christmas holiday and the New Year!

QUALITY CLEANERS

IN THE MILNER HOTEL

TROYE and ALVA HOTSENPILLER

BEST WISHES

It's Christmas. May yours be a merry one and the New Year be filled with joy and happiness in return for your thoughtfulness to this organization.

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The Officers, Directors and Personnel of this Bank

wish you a

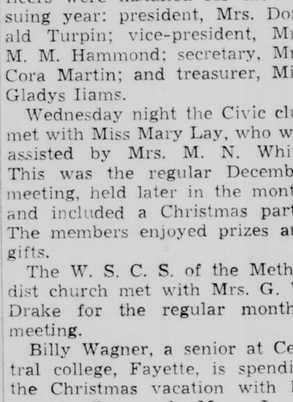
MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a most

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEDALIA BANK & TRUST CO.

SEDALIA, MO.

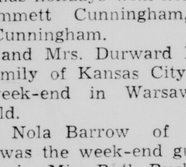


TO ALL OF YOU whom we have faithfully endeavored to serve for many years.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Andy Yeager's D-X Service

Broadway and Ohio



The best of everything be yours on Christmas!

Carl R. Goist

RADIO SERVICE

614 S. Ohio Phone 139



May joy and wisdom, hope and cheer, fill your home and heart on Christmas and all the year!

M. F. Wahrenbrock Imp. Co.

After January 1st will be located at 650 East 10th St.



GREETINGS

THE FULL MEASURE of friendliness, of good will, of service is our gift to you and all of you this Christmas season.

Landmann Abstract & Title Co.

112 West 4th St. Telephone 51



IN THIS MERRY SEASON

there's a little wish we would like to add: May this be the happiest Christmas you have ever had.

HURLBUT PRINTING CO.

114 East Fifth Phone 170

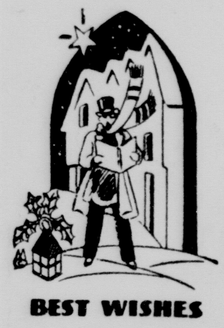


ON CHRISTMAS DAY—May happiness surround you and yours. It has been a pleasure to us and we gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity which Christmas offers for the expression of good wishes and messages of appreciation to those who make possible our business.

FALSTAFF BEER DISTRIBUTORS

KUECK DISTRIBUTING CO.

208 W. MAIN Phone 1087



It's Christmas, and with its coming we welcome the fine spirit of friendliness that goes with it, and are desirous of sending this Greeting to all thoss whom we serve and those we hope to serve.

BEST WISHES

ADOLPH GLENN

210 So. Moniteau Telephone 32



GREETINGS

Happy Yuletide . . . health, success and may your home with joy and peace be blest.

HILDEBRANDT CAFE

124 E. 3rd St. At St. Francis Hotel



HERE'S WISHING YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY. To each of you who have contributed to our success and to those of you who have given us your fine friendship we extend a hearty and genuine Merry Christmas. May peace, happiness, and prosperity be yours for many, many years.

——Big Enough To Serve—Not Too Big To Know You——

MIDDLETON STORAGE CO.

LAMINE AND MO. PAC. TRACKS PHONE 946



MERRY CHRISTMAS. The things you have wished for . . . the ambitions and plans that have been yours . . . we hope they will all be realized during the coming year And may the holiday season be a happy one and the New Year one of usefulness, happiness and success.

DES MOINES, SPRINGFIELD and SOUTHERN STAGES

206 E. 3rd St. Phone 346



MAY JOY THIS CHRISTMASTIDE attend you and may new found blessings make the New Year more bright. We gratefully acknowledge your consideration during the past and solicit your continued thoughtfullness.

Herrick's Recreation PARLOR

SECOND and OHIO PHONE 600

• This Curious World



Community News From *California*

Mrs. J. E. Zey

Miss Marjorie Louise Dunham, 19, only child of Mrs. Clesta Dunham, died at the home of her mother after a three-weeks illness of typhoid fever. Beside her mother, she leaves an uncle, Edgar Dunham. Funeral services were held at the Flag Spring Baptist church, with Rev. A. B. Constanz and Rev. L. F. Ryan officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery beside her father.

Michal J. Hartnett, 68, who was born and reared here, died December 7 at Gary, Ind. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Miss Alice Rose Hartnett, of the home; and three brothers, John, Dan, and C. J., all of near California.

John Frederick Burger, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burger, of Jamestown, died at the family home Friday of pneumonia. He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Evelyn and Pricia; and three brothers, Roger, Jack, and Richard, besides his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Evangelical church at Jamestown, with the Rev. Ivan Dameron officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Miss Blanche Kay, of Sedalia, is visiting her brothers, Roy and J. P., and her niece, Mrs. Merle Markam, and family.

Mrs. W. R. Lytle and small daughter, Judy, of Muskogee, Okla., came Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Byler.

Mrs. T. M. Fulks left Wednesday for Barbourville, Ky., to spend the winter with her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Fulks.

Mrs. A. J. L. Lebeck, of Walnut, Ia., came Thursday to spend the winter with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lebeck.

Miss Edwina Baldwin visited Mrs. John Lehman and son, John Lehman, in Wichita, Kas., from Wednesday to Sunday.

Mrs. S. C. Gill has gone to Oak Grove to spend the holidays with her niece, Mrs. Emmitt Boyle, and Mr. Boyle.

Rev. Fr. Daniel S. Larkin officiated at the wedding of Miss Madaline R. Sheeler and Dr. W. Rambo, of Jefferson City, Saturday afternoon at the Annuncation Rectory. They were attended by Colonel and Mrs. Paul Renz. Dr. Rambo is a well-known physician of Jefferson City. Those who attended the wedding were: Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Burke, of California, Mrs. Ferdinand Scheller, Misses Rachel and Irene Scheller, and Bud Scheller, sisters and brother of the bride, and Judge Sam Blair.

Miss Virginia Sanders left Saturday for Kansas City, where she will attend business college.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brisco, of Fortuna, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Gray.

Mrs. Dill Garnett, of Marion, left Monday for Los Angeles, Calif., to be with her daughter, Mrs. S. F. Hussey, who is seriously ill.

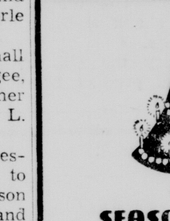
Two teachers of the California schools have resigned their positions. Mrs. Pansy Powell, who has been instructor in English and journalism the past five years, will go to Red Cliff, Colo., where she will accept a teaching position in a high school. Miss Lucy Simpson, who has been teaching the fifth grade for two and one-half years, will be married December 27 to Milton Papan, who is in military service at Camp Maxey, Tex.

Mrs. Zona Seminler went to Fayette Monday to visit her daughter, Miss Zona Seminler, who is a student at Central college.

Miss Lyle Reed, a student of Christian college, Columbia, came Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Reed. Miss Alice Reed, a student at Missouri university, will come Saturday for her vacation.

Mrs. Ethel Brooks returned Tuesday from Jefferson City, where she had visited her son, Savane Roth, Mrs. Roth, and her daughter, Mrs. Irene Heck.

Miss Hortense Crawford, sister of Marvin Crawford, is in the St. Francis hospital, Cape Girardeau, as the result of a fall on the ice which caused the fracture of a vertebrae. Miss Crawford is a teacher in the Cape Girardeau schools.



The time-seasoend greeting in the age-old way: May Yuletide joy be with you always!

MEYER GROCERY

116 W. MAIN PHONE 942



NOT AS A CUSTOMER . . . but as a valued friend we take this occasion to express our holiday greeting to you.

Modern Beauty Salon

Ilgenfritz Bldg. Phone 68

Good Cheer

good luck and may many happy days be yours — is our Holiday wish for all.

WHOLESALE AUTO PARTS

205 S. Osage Phone 766

Mind Your Manners

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. Should a child be taught to break bread into small pieces before buttering it?
2. Should a child be taught to place his knife and fork side by side on his dinner plate when he has finished eating?
3. Should a child be taught to dip the spoon away from himself when eating soup?
4. Is it all right for a very small child to wear a bib when he eats?
5. Should a child be taught to reply to grownups by saying "Yes, Mrs. Jones" or "Yes"?

What would you do if—

You are teaching your child how he should ask a question of you—

(a) Teach him to say "What is it, Father?" or "What is it, Mother?"

(b) Let him say, "What is it?"

Answers

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Yes. If it is necessary.
5. "Yes, Mrs. Jones."

Better "What Would You Do" solution—(a).



The Full Measure of friendliness, of good will, of service is our gift to you and all of you this Christmas season.

McCampbell Fuel Co.

512 W. Main Ph. 687

Hold Everything



"The big one is the boss's son!"

Make Gasoline From Coal

Bureau of Mines chemists are studying hyrdogenation processes for producing motor fuel from coal. Production has reached a semi-commercial scale, and internal combustion engines at the laboratory have been operated from coal-produced fuel.

Invest 10 per cent in War Saving Bonds!

For Ambulance Service Ph. 8

A Gala Holiday to you and yours. May it be filled with cheer and joy.

WILDE SHOE REPAIR

118 W. Third. Phone 377

Can Tin Halved

The 1942 domestic demand for tin for cans, over 21,000 long tons, is to be cut almost in half. This will be accomplished by a new electrolytic tin plate and bonderized plate process which will replace the hot dipped tin plating.

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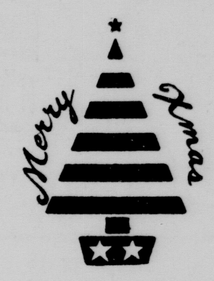


A JOLLY CHRISTMAS— May we flash this message of good cheer—"A Jolly Christmas and a Happy New Year."

IDEAL PRINTING CO.

122 E. Main St. Phone 120

Democrat-Capital Class ads get results, 10 words, 1 week 80c. Phone 1000.



An old fashioned greeting on an ever modern holiday. "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

SQUARE DEAL PRODUCE

Wilmer Steeples, Prop. 307 W. Main

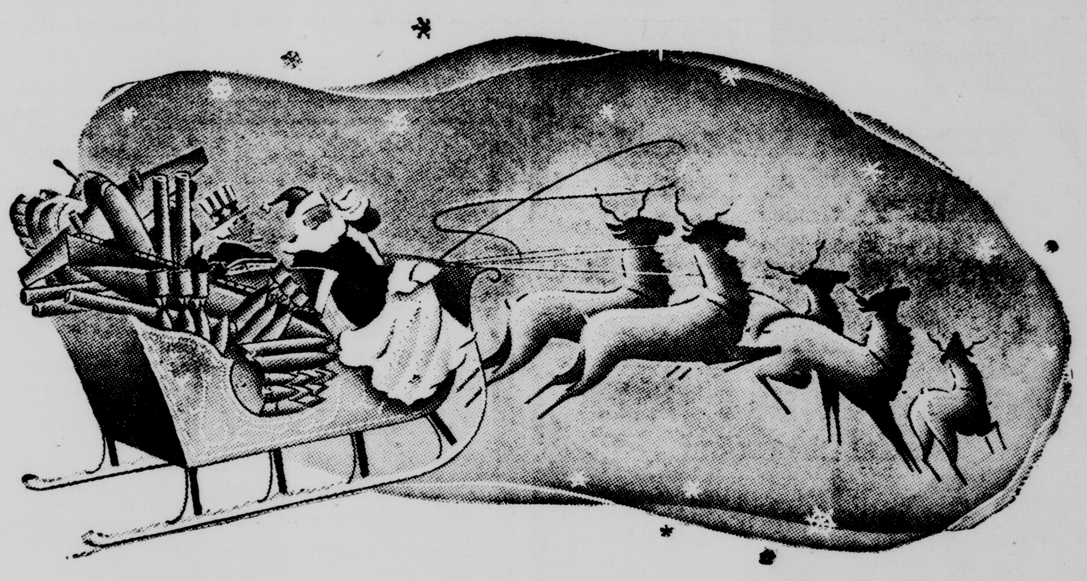


MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER finds us again eagerly awaiting the opportunity of expressing the friendly greeting to our hosts of friends in the community which it is our privilege to serve. It is our sincere wish that we may continue those fine relationships that have come our way. Sincere good wishes for a joyful Christmas.

BERTMAN SALVAGE

501 W. Main Phone 135



Best Wishes For A Happy Wartime Christmas

It has been our Good Fortune to do business with the finest folks on earth and the Spirit of the season brings renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends. Here's wishing you the most joyous Christmas you may have and that the New Year will bring you and yours the fullest measure of happiness and prosperity.

The management and personnel join in sending you this Christmas Greeting.

This is a wartime Christmas, and so that our factories engaged in the manufacture of the implements of war may hum, please use gas wisely . . . . for gas is a vital war material.

City Light & Traction Co.

FOURTH AND OHIO PHONE 770



A CUSTOMER AND FRIEND means more to this Institution than the mere exchange of goods for dollars . . . We appreciate our customers—they are our friends—and we wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we resolve now to make our service worth more and more to you as the days and months go by.

Rosenthal's

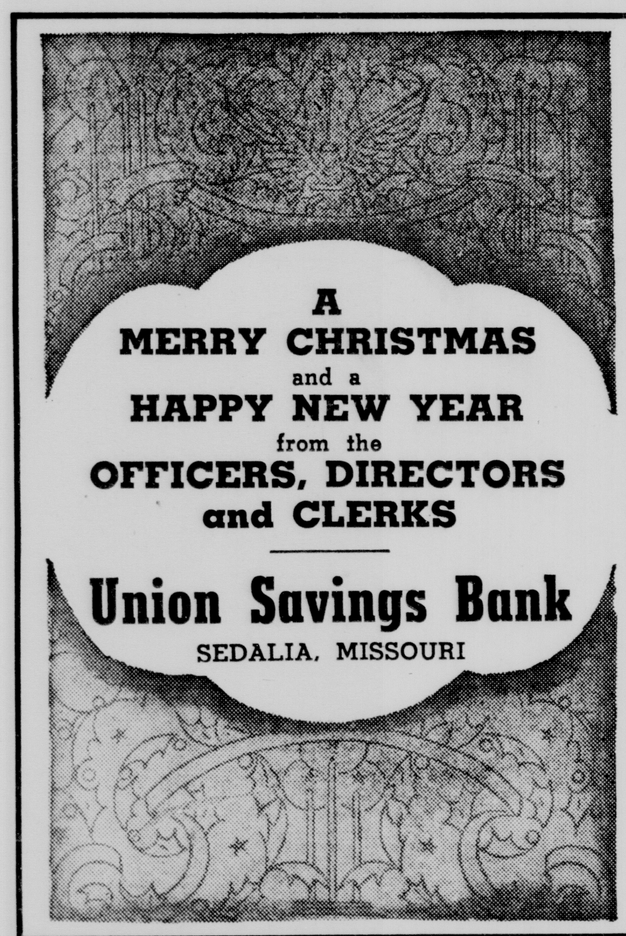
OPEN SATURDAY AS USUAL



To Our Friends and Customers—the Seaon's best wishes for joy and happiness. By your thoughtfulness you have helped to make our Christmas a Merry one and we wish the same for you.

GOODYEAR SERVICE STORE

313 S. OHIO PHONE 221



A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR from the OFFICERS, DIRECTORS and CLERKS

Union Savings Bank

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Fourth War Christmas Wor Christmas For

England Has Hard Row In Handling Its Food Problem

By James Marlow and George Zielke

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Take a good look at your jam-packed Christmas dinner plates today. They'll be skimpier next year but not as skimpy as the British plates are now.

This is the fourth war Christmas for the British, the second for us, but glance down the road the British have traveled in handling their food problem, and you get a glimpse of some steps we might have to take.

British armament was pitiful when the Germans struck in 1939 but not the British plans for feeding the island kingdom's people.

The British, caught short for food in the first World War, made sure they would not be unprepared when the second came. They laid their food control plans back in 1937.

They put them into effect two years later when the war started.

Since that time, September, 1939, Great Britain's food prices have risen 17 per cent, according to the British information service. In the same period ours jumped 31 per cent.

Plan Ahead

The British had to plan ahead because so much of their food depended on imports which would be—and were—the first to suffer.

The British set-up had the approval of the food ministry whose members had conferred frequently with the food ministry in the years before the war. When it came, it found them agreed on the general outlines of the necessary controls.

The food ministry then—at the war's start—assumed control of imports, food manufacturing, distribution and determined what rationing was necessary.

Here is an outline of the British food manufacturing pattern from a survey by the American Institute of Food Distribution, Inc.:

Coordination of Britain's food industries into a wartime program was put into four general classifications: concentration, standardization, restriction and transportation.

In that way the ministry determined which manufacturers to switch into other war production, how to increase food production by standardization, which products to eliminate, and how to organize transportation in order to east the burden of freight carriers.

Keeps Plants Working

No compensation is offered for loss of business but an effort is made to keep plants working and their organization intact, even though they are put to work on a type of war job greatly different from their accustomed operation.

By standardizing—reducing the number of permitted lines of food—there has been a saving in packing materials, manpower and transport and a substantial increase in production volume.

For example: the food ministry prescribes the weight, shape and style of bread. It may not be sliced before purchase by the consumer. Wrapping at any but retail counters is forbidden.

But the food ministry, attempting to protect established brands, permits a manufacturer to label his new and lower quality product as "national" or "ration" brand where specification of sertain brands have been lowered.

Brand changes are sometimes the result of distribution. Strong effort has been made to limit distribution in order to save freight space. Products generall are sold in territories adjoining factories.

Products Remain In Area

In other words: The product of a factory in western England would be limited in distribution to that area, the same for a factory in eastern England. This eliminates cross-hauls.

Elimination of cross-hauls in this country, to save freight space, already has been widely discussed, may be necessary. If that happens you will not see for the duration many brands now shipped into your area or city from miles away but will have to be content with the product of a factory close to you.

The British ministry, just as in this country, has had to forbid manufacture of certain food. Those forbidden in England include tables jellies and ice cream. Both those industries require raw materials, packing materials, factory space, fuel and labor which the ministry believes could be used to better advantage in other directions.

Other products whose production has been suspended include cake, pudding and spone mixtures, breakfast cereals, prepared breakfast foods and fish paste.

Ministry Importer

The food ministry became the sole importer because imports had to be reduced and their cost, if left in the hands of private traders, would have been unpredictable.

Importers were told they could not hope to stay in business individually with their volume reduced and their overhead increasing. It was suggested they organize into "wartime trade associations." This they did, each assaciation choosing a director and staff. Membership in an association was determined by the commodity imported.

So—there is a wartime association of tea importers, coffee importers, etc. Each member shares in the profits of his association on the basis of his profits during 1938.

It is not likely there would be any similar widespread arrangement in this country which is a heavy exporter in this war, rather than an importer.)

Pay Subsidies

Importers and wartime trade association choosing a director speculative profits were barred for the duration. The ministry supervises closely and audits all association records.

Where necessary the ministry sells an imported product below cost and pays a subsidy to the importers. This has frequently been found desirable in order to stabilize the cost of living. Subsidies now are running over $2,400,000,000 a year.

(In this country the administration this week was reported to have amandoned any idea of using subsidies generally to hold down food costs. Instead it was understood increases in ceiling prices would be permitted to wipe out inequities that might arise. One argument against subsidies was reported to be their excessive costs.



SEASON'S BEST

CORDIAL WISHES — As the holiday season comes to a close we are reminded that this successful year is due in no small measure to your generous patronage. Kindly accept our good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

KIPPING'S SEED STORE

118 West Second



SEASON'S GREETINGS to you and yours . . . at home and overseas.

Moriarty Shell Service

Third and Osage Phone 817



BEST WISHES

We extend our heartfelt greetings for a Merry Christmas that will light the way to a new Year of peace and happiness.

GOLD LUMBER CO.

217 E. Main Phone 359

Hey, Santa—

Here's a Job for You

Here's a Job for You
"Little Boy Blue" . . . someone must want him for Christmas

By NEA SERVICE

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Here's a sleuthing job for you, Santa Claus: Just find out who "Little Boy Blue's" parents are, and ask them to come to Mercy Hospital here and take him home. Do that, and "Little Boy Blue" won't ask for anything else on Christmas morning.

The Mercy Hospital staff and the Pittsburgh police are sorry to have to ask you in on the case, Santa Claus, what with all the other things you have on your mind at this time of year. But they're frankly puzzled—and have been, ever since Nov. 30, when they found this curly-headed, blue-eyed youngster in a Pittsburgh tourist hotel, dressed in girl's clothes, nursing a black eye and a bruised elbow, and clutching a chocolate bar in one hand and a snapshot of three bears in the other.

"Little Boy Blue" would be glad to help if he could, but he's only about 2 years old and can't talk yet. To complicate matters, all identifying labels had been removed from his girl's outfit when he was found. Even the name had been removed from the hotel guest towel which served him as a diaper.

Steel Index Rising

With more than 75 per cent of steel production going into war use, the steel index has risen steadily in the past four years. The figures: 1939, 52,798, 714 net tons; 1940, 66,982,686 net tons; 1941, 82,927,557 net tons; 1942, 86,000,000 net tons (estimated).

Passenger Travel Up

Passenger travel on public carriers zoomed as much as 100 per cent in some parts of the country in 1942 over 1941 and in no section was the increase less than a third.

Democrat-Capital Class Ads get results, 10 words, 1 week, 80c. Phone 1000.

BEST WISHES

Allow us to express our wishes that you enjoy the season's good things.

Mrs. Human's Art Shop

At Waldman's



SEASON'S BEST

May we help you bring Christmas joys to those you want to remember dearly.

LEON'S SHOE STORE

226 S. Ohio



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to our customers & friends: With Santa Claus peepin' around the corner, and everybody thinking about everybody else, we want to pause long enough to extend to you our very best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Ellis'

Dorothy Pendleton—manager, and Employees



Throughout every section of our country today, in hundreds of homes, men, women and children are awaiting with gladness another Christmas day. The coming years hold rich promises. All of us look to the future with optimism. We, as educators in the business field, are glad that the spirit of courage pervades. During the past year we have earnestly striven to meet the needs of our government and industry through proper teaching of those who seek a business training so that they would be able to hold responsible positions now and after these critical times. We appreciate all the help and cooperation which we have received from the people of this community, and we join in wishing everyone a most Merry Christmas and Victorious New Year.

Central Business College

A. L. BOHLING AND FACULTY

In The Spirit of Christmas!



ONCE MORE IT IS OUR PLEASURE to extend the compliments of the season and express our hope that the New Year will bring to you and yours the abundance of good things and good health you richly deserve. And on this important occasion we wish to thank you most sincerely for your generous patronage the past year and we pledge a continuance of our established quality and service.

KEEVER FURNITURE EXCHANGE

114 E. 2nd ST. PHONE 464



The Bells Toll out Our Wish for You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Our Christmas wouldn't be complete unless we had taken this opportunity to wish our many patrons a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

STURGES Lumber Co.

223 E. 3rd Phone 40

CENTRAL Lumber Co.

300 E. Main Phone

Greetings!

The spirit of Christmas prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you a very Merry Christmas and happiness and prosperity for the New Year.



Midwest Auto Stores

115 W. Main St. Sedalia ,Mo.



GREETINGS

Greeting to you In Greetings to you in hopes for a happy holidays and a prosperous New Year

R. O HENDERSON

Insurance Agency
Tax Service

122 W. 3rd St.



WE WISH . . . That we might personally hang a Holly Wreath on the door knob of our many friends. This is hardly possible, but we do wish to each of you the heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

M. C. "Cal" RODGERS

CAL RODGERS AND EMPLOYEES

419 W. Main Street Sedalia, Missouri 6th and Ohio

THE SEDALIA WEEKLY DEMOCRAT

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Reds Regain 12 To 14 Miles In The Caucasus Region

Along Don The Nazis Are Being Driven Out Under Soviet Attacks

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Friday, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The fourth major Soviet winter offensive, in the critical Nalchik area of the Caucasus, was announced early today by the Russians and the total enemy killed and captured in the continuing advance in the middle Don area of the third offensive mounted to 92,000 Nazis and satellites.

A special communique of the Soviet bureau of information said the new Caucasus offensive already had regained 12 to 14 miles in that sector, where the Germans had attempted to break through the mountains to the oil riches beyond.

The new action in the deep Caucasus was the first important battle since the Russians stopped a German attempt to push to the vital Georgian military highway through some of the world's tallest mountains.

"Recently our troops in the area southeast of Nalchik went over to the offensive and advanced 18 to 20 kilometers (12 to 14 miles)", the special announcement said.

It announced the recapture of Alagir, 40 miles southeast of Nalchik, Ardon, 25 miles northwest of Ordzhonikidze, and three other large populated places.

In the Don, the communique indicated, the Russians are driving out the Germans faster than they came in.

The Red army yesterday gained from 13 to 16 miles, the communique said, for a total eight-day advance of from 85 to 120 miles in the middle Don.

Take 5,600 Prisoners

The Russians announced the capture yesterday of 5,600 men, bringing the Don offensive total to 42,200 and said that on Wednesday the enemy left more than 6,000 dead on the battlefield, raising to 50,000 the enemy dead so far announced for that sector.

In the Don area, the Russians further said they had occupied "several dozen populated places" and two large railway stations.

The Red army thus was surging on across the land of the Don Cossacks toward Rostov and deeper into the Ukraine at an unbroken pace.

Last night the Russians had reported 32 more Cossack towns and villages liberated and left behind with hundreds of additional Germans dead and captured.

Pravda indicated the flight of the Nazis had become almost a rout in one area where the enemy abandoned 17 Messerschmitt fighter planes intact.

From virtually encircled Millervo, German-held communications center, the Russians steadily were closing the 130-mile gap to Rostov, which lies to the southwest on the Sea of Azov. Closing of this gap would sack nearly a million Germans in the Caucasus and on the Stalingrad front.

The hero of this Russian offensive is Colonel-General Nikolai F. Vatutin, a commander in his middle 40's who is credited with achieving something of a transportation miracle in mass movements of men and machines in some of the worst fighting weather.

New Fuel Oil Coupons Next Week

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24—(AP)—Fuel oil consumers will begin receiving coupons next week for the third, fourth and fifth heating periods, which extend through the remainder of the winter, without having to make further application either by mail or in person.

Russell E. Hardner, Jr., state OPA director for eastern Missouri, said issuing of the coupons will begin Monday with the assistance of 50 St. Louis volunteer school teachers.

Consumers should pay their dealers the coupons due for oil delivered on promissory notes since dealers have been notified they no longer are authorized to operate on that basis, Gardner explained. Under the rationing regulation coupons are due by the end of the month.

Picture Show And Treats For Children

Hundreds Attend Party Given By Sedalia Citizens

If there is any child in Sedalia who is not remembered with a treat this Christmas it is because the good citizens of Sedalia do not know of it.

Nine hundred ninety children attended the Christmas party given by the citizens Thursday morning, sponsored and arranged through the Round Table Council of the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce. They had been given tickets to the affair through the Social Security office staff, members of which is familiar with home conditions of those who participated.

The children, ranging in age from about six through fourteen, with a few of pre-school age, assembled at the court house at 9:30 o'clock. At 10 o'clock the doors of the Fox theatre were opened to them, and here the theatre, Steve Soutter manager, had arranged an appropriate program. Two pictures were shown, "Down in San Diego" and a cartoon, "Ickle Meets Pickle."

Joined In Singing

The children joined in a community sing, led by Thomas Walch, and sang lustily, anticipating shortly after their treat from Santa Claus, in the person of Hugo Sparn, who always delights the children.

Katy Freight Train Derailed Near Jefferson City

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24—(AP)—Six cars of a Missouri-Kansas-Texas freight train were derailed today near Jefferson City, but the locomotive remained on the tracks and no one was injured.

A broken rail apparently caused the accident, the Katy's office here said.

Collided With Truck

A Chevrolet truck of J. E. Paxton, parked on the west side of Engineer avenue at Seventh street was struck Thursday evening by a truck going south on Engineer driven by John Mallsgarber. A fender on the Paxton truck was damaged. Settlement was made at the scene by the two drivers.

Bus In Ravine; Two Are Killed

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A special bus carrying between 40 and 60 Glenn L. Martin company aircraft workers plunged into a 20-foot ravine tonight and at least two persons were reported dead and 27 injured. The accident occurred after the vehicle apparently skidded along a narrow, lonely road.

Police Captain William J. Forrest said some still were believed trapped in the wooden wreckage lying in the shallow waters of Herring Run. He said the exact number of dead and injured was unknown. The bus was enroute to the aircraft plant.

Ambulances rushed the injured to nearby hospitals.

Auto Fender Is Damaged In A Collsion

Thursday evening at 4:46 o'clock an automobile driven by Private Earl Edwards, of 2323 South Missouri avenue, was damaged when a car driven by Mrs. H. L. Webster, colored, 413 West Cooper, pulled out from the curb. Edwards' car, a Ford, had a fender damaged. Mrs. Webster was driving a Ford sedan. Each gave $10 bond to appear in police court.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas Spirit For Wartime

Messages Of Hope Carried To Those At Home And Far Away

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A world at war today celebrated the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

While spiritual, civil and military leaders voiced messages of hope and blessing, United Nations fighting men carried the observance of Christ's birth to strange far lands, or celebrated where it was an age-old story.

It was a heartening holiday for the United Nations generally, contrasting with the horror and heartache and darkening future of Hitler - enslaved Europe which Nazi propaganda broadcasts failed to mask.

That was the thought of President Roosevelt who told a crowd at the dedication of a national community Christmas tree in Washington that "this is a happier Christmas than last year in the sense that the forces of darkness stand against us with less confidence in the succes of their evil way."

Thoughts From Home

The President told the nation's armed forces that "you are in the thoughts of your families and friends at home, and that Christmas prayers follow you wherever you may be."

He greeted the armed forces and merchant sailors of the United Nations and told those at remote islands and bases that they were "essential to the ultimate victory —and that we have not forgotten them."

"To all Americans." He said, "I say that loving our neighbor as we love ourselves is not enough—that we as a nation and as individuals will please God best by showing regard for the laws of God. There is no better way of fostering good-will toward man than by first fostering good-will toward God. If we love him we will keep his commandments.

Funds Of Saboteurs To Go For Bullets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Hitler sent it over and he can have it back—as bullets—Attorney General Biddle said in effect today as he directed the FBI to turn over to the treasury $174,588.62 brought to this country by eight Nazi spy-saboteurs last June.

The money was found hidden under rugs, in false bottom bags and sundry hiding places after the eight invaders had been rounded up by G-men.

"This is a little Christmas present for Hitler," Biddle said.

His Turkeys, His Gift

WINDSOR, Mo., Dec. 24—(AP)—George Wampler's Christmas turkeys were their own Christmas gift to him.

He sold 1,825 birds to a Windsor produce dealer and received a check for $8,001.17.

Gifts For The Soldier Boys From Sedalia

Gifts for the soldier boys at the Sedalia Army Air Field near Knob Noster from Sedalians and others have been left at the Sedalia Democrat-Capital offices, USO., center, East End Drug store, Boies Drug store, Headquarters Fire station, on Kentucky avenue, Fire station No. 1., and the Golden Roast Coffee company to be taken to the boys there this morning.

The gifts are exceedingly numerous and with others that are to be sent from nearby points will add to the happiness and cheer of those who were unable to make trips to their homes for the holidays season.

The gifts, wrapped in Christmas paper, while not highly expensive will in a large measure provide numerous of the service men, who otherwise might be lonesome, with added cheer.

Trucks from the army base will arrive this morning to take them there for their distribution.

Christmas At White House

Four Sons Of Roosevelts Away In The Service

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt sent a message of cheer today to Americans at home and at distant military posts and to all the uniformed forces of the united nations.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt's four sons in service were away and only a few friends and members of the family were preesnt tonight to hear the President, again following traditions of years' standing, read Dicken's Christmas Carol aloud.

His Christmas present to members of the White House staff was a leather folder, including a card on which he had started for each worker a collection of 25-cent war stamps.

Before the Christmas tree ceremony the President and Mrs. Roosevelt received members of the household staff and their families. Then they went out to the south portico, where a marine band and chorus had been serenading with Christmas carols.

Girl and boy scouts extended a greeting and Mr. Roosevelt pressed a key which sounded Christmas chimes.

The President heard three Christmas carols and smiled when a baby near him cried. Presumably it was his grandson, Christopher, the child of Lieutenant and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., whose first birthday was Tuesday.

Among those on the portico were Crown Princess Martha of Norway and her three children, Harry L. Hopkins and his family, and members of the White House staff and guests.

The Roosevelts will observe Christmas Day attending church services in the morning, opening their presents in the afternoon, and enjoying a family dinner in the evening with the President carving a turkey.

Condition Of L. F. Ritchie Reported Fair

The condition of L. F. Ritchie, ill in St. Mary's Hospital at Jefferson City, was reported as fair on Thursday afternoon.

Contributions Total $509.85

Contributions to the Christmas Stocking Fund reached a total of $509.85 Thursday afternoon. This was the record for donations since the Stocking Fund was originated.

Money so collected is used to finance the Childrens' Christmas party, sponsored by the Round Table Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

Amounts received since last report were from the following:

$5.00 each—Sedalia Typographical Union No. 206; Sedalia Rotary club.

$3.00—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Chambers.

$2.00 each—Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Yankee, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dean.

$1.50—Sandra McLaughlin.

$1.00 each—Mrs. Chas. Graham, G. A. Sturges, Eugene Hugenschmidt, Troop 3, Girl Scouts.

Midwest In Gain For GOP

Wins About Half Of House Victories There

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The 12 midwestern states proved the biggest bulwark for the Republicans in the Nov. 3 elections. A tabulation of final official figures today showed the G. O. P. won just about half of its house victories—103 out of 209—in that section.

Although the Democrats won a narrow majority of the house membership —222—the compilation disclosed that the Republicans polled a larger combined popular vote in the congressional races over the nation for the first time in 14 years.

The total vote in the house contests throughout the country was only 28,111,583, the smallest in any national election in 22 years. Even the highest vote in each state, whether for senator, governor, representative-at-large, or the combined district votes for representatives, totaled only 30,024,927, lowest since the 29,058,647 cast in the Coolidge-Davis-La-Follette presidential contest in 1924.

Of the total congressional vote, the Republicans polled 14,217,320 or 50.6 per cent. The Democrats polled 13,331,245, or 47.4 per cent, and other parties 563,018, or 2.0 per cent. In the last off-year elections in 1938 the Republicans rolled up only 47.3 per cent of the total against the Democrats 49 per cent. Other parties polled 3.7.

The vote by sections disclosed that the Republicans achieved their popular plurality in the house races despite the fact that they polled only 459,559 votes against 1,560,698 by the Democrats in the 11 southern states plus the political "border" states of Kentucky and Oklahoma, or 22.6 per cent against 76.8 per cent. Other parties got only 11,372 votes for 0.6 per cent of the total in those states.

The Republicans polled 54.7 per cent of the aggregate in the midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Their popular total there was 6,200,505. The Democrats had 4,754,602, or 41.9 per cent, and other parties 381,544, or 3.4 per cent. The Republican total was a gain of 4 per cent over 1938; the Democratic a loss of 2.3.

In electing 103 house members in the midwest against 25 for the Democrats, the Republicans gained 23 seats in that region over 1938 and the Democrats lost 29.

The Republicans had a combined plurality also in the 12 eastern states, 51.8 per cent against 47.2 for the Democrats; and in the aggregate vote of the 11 far western states, 49.6 per cent against 48.8.

In the east, the G. O. P. elected 79 house members compared with 74 four years ago; the Democrats 53 against 61. In the far west the Republicans won 23 seats against nine in 1938; the Democrats 28 against 34.

Post Office To Be Closed Christmas Day

Friday December 25th being a legal holiday there will be no delivery of mail by either city or rural carriers.

All windows at the post office will be closed. Special delivery mail will be delivered and all outgoing mail will be dispatched.

Gift parcels will be delivered by truck Christmas morning.

EDW. P. MULLALEY
Postmaster.

Rommel Is Still Pursued By British

Allies Capture Heights At A Junction Point

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Allied soldiers fighting in the rain and mud of central Tunisia have thrown the enemy out of a height dominating the important junction point on Medjez-El-Bab, 35 miles southwest of Tunis, allied headquarters reported from North Africa tonight as the British eighth army doggedly pursued Field Marshal Rommel westward across Libya.

An allied command communique announced the capture of the heights and added that allied troops held it against counter-attacks by the enemy.

Dispatches from allied headquarters in North Africa pointed out that this was the first significant offensive action reported on the central Tunisian battlefront in two weeks.

The allied command also said there was patrol activity on the northern sector of the Tunisian front while on the southern sector, west of Kairouan, "French troops repelled enemy attacks."

Fresh downpours of winter rain hampered ground and air activity, it was reported from North Africa.

There were unconfirmed reports that the Germans were moving considerable forces southward in central Tunisian areas, and there were some signs that the early outbreak of a major clash could be expected there.

Clings To Positions

Aided by strong American air support, the French clung to their newly won positions south of Pont du Fahs, in central Tunisia, against heavy Nazi counter-attacks.

A French communique stated that the Nazis had "reached vigorously" to the French advance, but added that all positions were held, saying:

"The American air force has powerfully contributed to the success of our troops."

Both the German and Italian communiques claimed the repulse of allied attacks aimed, said the Italians, "at recapturing lost positions." The Italians claimed the capture of 300 allied prisoners; the Germans claimed 200.

Rommel's flight in Libya was unbroken, the Morocco radio announced in a broadcast, but British advanced units were maintaining contact with his rear guard. British troops were in the vicinity of Buerat El Hsun, 50 miles west of Sirte and 200 miles short of Tripoli, and there still was no indication that Rommel intended to stand and fight.

It was disclosed that allied medium bombers assaulted the German-held Mediterranean Island of Crete, setting off nine big fires and dropping bombs among enemy planes dispersed on the ground.

Allied bombers hit and set aflame in enemy supply ship off Tunisia, shooting down one enemy plane that sought to interfere and damaging another.

The day brought disclosures that American forces had arrived in the key French West African port of Dakar, thus symbolizing the slow, progressive closing of the continent to the axis.

An Assassin Kills Darlan

Admiral Fatally Shot In Algiers, Dies On Way To Hospital--Slayer Caught

By NOLAND NORGAARD

ALGIERS, Friday, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan, head of French Africa who has been cooperating with the allies since the Americans landed in November, was assassinated yesterday afternoon in the French government palace.

The killer has been captured, but his identity has not been learned by early this morning.

Darlan was about to enter his office at 4:30 p. m. when the assassin fired five shots, two of which hit the admiral.

An official announcement by the French government said Darlan died en route to the hospital.

LONDON, Friday, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan, former vice premier of the Vichy government who swung over to the allies when they landed in North Africa Nov. 8, was assassinated in his offices yesterday afternoon by a 20-year-old Frenchman, it was reported from Algiers early today.

Allied headquarters in North Africa, announced his killing and said that the slayer was captured.

Dies On Way To Hospital

French authorities in Algiers issued the fololwing communique, which was broadcast by the allied-controlled Algiers radio:

"Admiral Darlan, high commissioner for French Africa, was assassinated this (Thursday) afternoon soon after three o'clock at the offices of the high commissariat.

"He died on the way to the hospital."

Arrested On Spot

"The assassin was arrested on the spot.

"Complete order reigns in Algiers notwithstanding the general indignation of the population.

"The assassin was immediately interrogated but his name is as yet unknown. It is not known whether the assassination was of German or Italian origin. The nationality of the assassin is unknown."

However, the Columbia Broadcasting system correspondent in Algiers broadcast that the slayer was a Frenchman.

Darlan, long known for his antipathy and enmity to the British, was known in the days of the Vichy government before the allies moved into North Africa as an arch-collaborationist with Germany as vice premier of the Vichy government.

He quickly turned to the allies, however, when he was found by the Americans in Algiers as they took that city and it was his ceasefire order which ended French resistance in the vast Moroccan and Algerian territories.

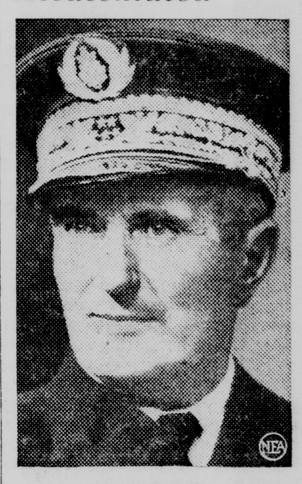
Darlan's agreement with U. S. Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for French-allied cooperation in French Africa was severely criticized in both the United States and Britain, even provoking debate in the house of commons.

President Roosevelt on Nov. 17, howeer, emphasized that the U. S. army's dealings with Darlan were only a "temporary expedient" intended to save both lives and time in carrying the attack to the axis.

Cooperated With Allies

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Algiers radio broadcast a report tonight that Admiral Jean Darlan, former Vichy vice-premier who turned to cooperation with the aliles upon their landing in North Africa, had been assassinated.

Assassinated



Admiral Darlan

Admiral formerly with Vichy regime is fatally shot at Algiers Thursday afternoon. Recently he gave collaboration to the allies in North Africa.

Prospects In Combat Areas Are Better

War Secretary Says Reverses May Be Expected

By WILLIAM F. FRYE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Secretary of War Stimson said today that the military prospects in all combat areas were definitely favorable for the United Nations, but tempered the statement with a warning that large casualties and even serious reverses could be expected before victory was won.

"Christmas this year holds much brighter prospects for the future of the United Nations than did Christmas a year ago," he told a press conference.

Letters C. E. Ferguson

Letters were issued on the estate of J. D. Ferguson in probate court today to C. E. Ferguson.

Schoolgirl Is Reported Missing

Mary Lee Thompson, fourteen, residing with her grandparents at 423 South New York avenue, has been reported to the police as missing since leaving there at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning ostensibly to go to Washington school.

She was declared not in school that day, or the one following, and had not returned home up to Thursday night. She is about five feet tall, weighs about 112 pounds, and was wearing a light coat with scarf over her head. A report of her being missing was broadcast.

French Mission To United States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—(A French military mission, headed by General Marie Emile Bethourart, arrived in the United States by plane today to coordinate the supply of equipment for French forces fighting with the allied troops in North Africa.

The Weather

Little change in temperature. Occasional light rain extreme southeast portion Friday.

Santa Claus Passes Out Treat Thursday Morning



Crowded around Santa Claus (Hugo Sparn) are some of the nearly 1000 children who attended a party given by Sedalians at the Fox theatre Thursday morning. They are receiving a word of greeting, and a treat of candy, nuts and an orange.

Skimpy Christmas For Germany And Sattelites

By EDWIN SHANKE

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Germany and her satellites and the countries they have overrun are spending the dreariest, skimpiest Christmas of the war with fear of what is to come hanging heavily over the home hearth and the fighting front.

Christmas for the Germans normally is a gay family event, but for most of them that is out of the question this year. Many fathers, sons and brothers are fighting for their lives in Russia for the second successive year and unable to return home because of the bitter defensive battle. Countless others lie dead in the Russian snows, or desert sands.

Dispatches reaching Stockholm reflected the atmophere of gloom hanging over the German capital and other German cities, with the Christmas tree and gift table almost bare because of the scarcity of goods, and the dinner table reduced to simple rationed fare.

Although the Russian-Finnish front was reported quiet, Christmas in Finland "on the whole is leaner and drearier" than ever before, a Swedish correspondent wrote.

Danes are spending Christmas saddened by what is recognized as a progressive oppression by Germany.

Nevertheless ,the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet said, optimism was increasing, because "perhaps most Danes strongly believe this will be the last wartime Christmas."

From Norway came reports of a new wave of terror, with the Gestapo swooping down on isolated Norwegian towns, arresting persons suspected of anti-new order activities, confiscating weapons and secret radios and seizing foodstuffs.

Never before has Christmas come to Italy with "so little cheer," a Swedish correspondent in Rome reported.

Hundreds of thousands, especially in northern Italy, were homeless and "the fear of bombardment hangs over the land as perhaps no other country in Europe, while in Africa the axis forces are fighting on the last bit of the destroyed Italian colonial empire," he added.





Farm News and Features of Interest to . . . .

The Central Missouri Farmer





Fewer Machines For Farm Work In Coming Year

With Limit On Them Greater Part Is To Be Under Rationing

According to information received recently by the Pettis County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee, the War Production Board has released 23 percent as much raw material for the manfacture of new farm equipment for 1943 as 1940. At the same time the War Production Board has released 135 percent as much raw material for the manufacture of repair parts for farm machines for 1943 as 1940. This indicates that there will be fewer new machines and less repair parts available in 1943 than in 1942. With a limited amount of new machines available it means that most farm equipment will be rationed.

All farmers desiring to purchase machines on the rationed list must file their applications with the chairman of the Farm Machinery Rationing committee in the Triple-A Office.

Each county will be given a quota or allotment of farm machines that can be purchased by farmers to whom certificates have been issued. The Machinery Rationing Committee can not issue certificates of purchase in excess of the county quota. Pettis county quotas on the machines on which quotas have been established are: Horse drawn other than one row planters—5; Tractor drawn row planters—1; Listers (with and without planting attachments)—1; Grain drills—5; Lime Spreaders—1; Spike tooth harrow—10; Spring tooth harrow—6; Disk harrow—14; One horse cultivator—1; Riding cultivators—1; Tractor drawn cultivators—12; Wheel type tractors—12; Farm wagons—16; Horse drawn mowers—3; Tractor drawn mowers—9; Dump rakes—2; Side delivery rakes—3; Grain binders—1; Combines (6 feet and less)—14; Corn binders—1; Corn pickers—1; Ensilage cutters—1; Endgate broadcast seeders—1; Sweep rakes—1; Feed grinders— hammer mill—4; Feed grinders—burr type—1; and Farm elevators—1. As soon as quotas are established on other machines they will be announced by the County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee.

Standards Of Use

In order to secure the most efficient use of farm machines or equipment, standards of use have been set up by the War Production Board as a guide for the County Farm Machinery Rationing committee in approving applications and certifying certificates of purchase under the existing machinery and equipment shortage.

For example; according to the standards set up the average annual use for horse drawn spike tooth harrows should be 9 acres per foot of width and for tractor drawn spike took harrow 12 acres per foot of width. Such machines as spike tooth harrows are used to cover the same land more than once in the same season. In the case of harrows—if a 30 acre field is harrowed once it is 30 acres covered, when harrowed twice it is 60 acres covered and when harrowed three times it is 90 acres covered. This provision applies to machines which cover the same land more than once in the same cropping season.

In addition to farm machinery, farm fencing including barb wire, poultry netting, poultry flooring, woven or welded wire fence, such as hog and cattle fence and poultry fence are on the rationed list. 50 per cent of the normal rodage of farm fence will be produced in 1943 however, the farm fence manufactured will be lighter in weight.

According to information, nails are now being produced at the rate of 74 thousand tons per month for essential construction. Eight thousand tons of bale ties are being produced per month. Lumber is now a critical material, production is less than use. Mill stocks have decreased from 16.4 billion feet to 4.6 billion feet. The new burlap bags that will be available for 1943 will be only those which can be made from the burlap that is now in this country. Cotton bags will be manufactured as a substitute for burlap bags however they will be lighter in weight and higher in cost.

The manufacture of tin cans are under regulations however 4 billion glass jars and jar rubbers are being produced for use in home canning for 1943.

Information on the machines included in the rationed list may be secured from a member of the War Board or a member of the Couty Farm Machinery Rationing Committee.

Enriched Product Is Preferred

Americans have learned to prefer the white, light-baked products, so to protect health the government has encouraged millers and bakers to put back into the flour and bread some of the minerals and vitamins — iron, thiamin, and niacin—which were removed in the making of white flour.

These enriched products look, taste, and behave very much like the plain white products. The only real difference is in their increased nutritive value. Recipes do not need to be changed for using enriched instead of white flour, but since brands of flour differ, it may be necessary to make some adjustments if the brand of flour is changed.

Not all flours are enriched at the present time. As a matter of fact, few of the less expensive ones are. If they are, the word "enriched" will be printed on the label.

Enriched bread or flour is not as nutritious as whole-grain flour or enriched bread. A person eating six slices of enriched bread daily would be getting about one-sixth of his daily requirement of thiamin from the bread. Eating ordinary white bread would give about one-fifteenth, and six slices of whole-wheat bread would supply one-third the daily requirement of thiamin.

Many of the commercially prepared cereals now on the market have also been fortified or enriched by replacement of some of the elements removed in the milling process. These are likewise labelled "enriched." The amount of minerals and vitamins put in varies with the brand, but the label may be checked to determine its nutritive value in comparison with that of the whole grain.—Flora L. Carl and Letha Knight Jopling, University of Missouri College of Agriculture.

Conference On Soils Feb. 11

The 19th annual Pettis county Soils and Crops Conference will be held on February 11. The Soils and Crops Committee, composed of George R. Wilkerson, chairman; William J. Lamm, Vice-Chairman; E. C. Stevens, Secretary; and Marvin Goodwin, Registrar, will hold a meeting in the near future to plan this year's annual conference program.

The program this year will feature increased production for war which means the most efficient use of land, labor, machinery, and other farm resources that will increase production to help meet war needs.

J. Ross Fleetwood, Extension Specialist in Field Crops, will represent the Missouri College of Agriculture and assist in leading the discussion at this important conference.

With the Boys In . . .

Nelson

MRS. J. W. COX

Mrs. Harvey Jopling, of Columbia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jopling until Wednesday when she will go to visit her parents, near Springfield.

John Thornton reports to his parents that he has been transferred from Miami Beach to Officers Training School at Harvard University, Boston, Mass. He has met DeWitt Ssuch, who is also at Harvard. John will graduate in May with a commission.

Charles Conaway, who has been at Fort Leonard Wood for over a year, has been sent to California to practice desert warfare.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson have received through San Francisco a message from their son, George, who is in the navy.

Mrs. E. J. Brommer and son, Billy, came from Boonville Thursday and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor until Saturday. Billy has almost recovered from injuries received in battle, and will return to service soon.

The Baptist ladies cleared $12.15 on their luncheon Tuesday. They will serve again January 19.

C. G. Mayfield had a heart attack Thursday night and is still quite ill. His older brother is here from Gilliam.

Claude Laxton, of Marshall, and Mr. and Mrs. Riley Doty were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Land.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Potter and children and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Poindexter spent Sunday with Mrs. May Poindexter.

Mrs. Anna Marshall, of Blackwater, and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Harris, of Memphis, Tenn., visited Mrs. Reba Williams Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jose and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Martin and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Fannie Leffler.

Miss Roberta Peterson, of Marshall, spent the weekend with her parents.

Marion Wesley (Jack) Newman, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif., has been promoted to seaman second class. He has received and appreciates the packages sent him from this community.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Staley went to Versailles Saturday to attend the funeral of her uncle, W. M. Collier. Rev. Prewitt and daughter, formerly of Blackwater, furnished the music.

The Salt Fork Cemetery club had an all-day meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Harold Holder. They had their annual exchange of gifts, and tacked a comfort.

The following are casualties caused Sunday by the sleet: Billy Barnes was hurt (not seriously) while coasting behind a motor car; Mrs. Harry Smith fractured her ankle; and Mack Holt fell twice and was badly injured by shock, though no bones were broken.

Mrs. Ralph Harvey returned Sunday from Ravenswaay hospital, where she has been for two weeks following an operation.

Early Mending Patriotic Act

Now that homemakers are staying home, the mending basket should be getting empty and gaining ground. The old saying, "A stitch in time saves nine," will hold true. When the homemaker has time to keep ahead of the mending basket, she will be saving materials as well as satisfying herself. Early mending is a patriotic act. It saves material.

Take your change in War Stamps.

More Poultry And Eggs In 1943 Needed

Poultry raisers of this county will receive timely help on their poultry production in 1943 through ten weekly lessons by radio to be broadcast each Saturday from January 2 until March 6 from station KMBC of Kansas City. The lessons will be given by C. E. Rohde, extension poultryman of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture.



C. E. Rohde

Enrollment blanks may be obtained at the county agent's office. All persons enrolling will also receive lesson outlines and may send in questions to Mr. Rohde for personal answer. The time of broadcast each Saturday will be 12:30 to 12:45. The lessons are a part of the program of the College of Agriculture to help farmers in their big job of wartime production.

Known as the Victory Poultry Production course, the lessons will be as follows: (1) Victory poultry planning for 1943, (2) Winter management of laying hens, (3) Producing eggs that hatch, (4) What are quality chicks, (5) More poultry dollars and extra meat, (6) Everyday problems in chick brooding, (7) Raising better pullets—easier, (8) Poultry pasture for profitable pullets, (9) Marketing more poultry meat, (10) Improving poultry health and profits.

Next Week In The Kitchen

Unfamiliar Foods May Be Good Foods

Food prejudices are hard to overcome. Children grow up thinking that foods not served in their homes are unnatural for human beings to eat. Different countries take different foods for granted as part of the every day life. Kidney pie and broiled kidney have long been favorite dishes in England but are rarely served in rural Missouri. Sweet breads have long been favorites in city tea rooms and restaurants but they are not always used by families who butcher their own animals. The famous Philadelphia Pepper Pot Soup is made from tripe, the muscular section of the first and second stomachs of the beef.

One of the best ways to insure a good diet is to eat a variety of foods. One way to have a wider variety of foods is to develop an interest in unusual foods. Most of us miss many good things simply because we refuse to try the new or unfamiliar. One can learn to appreciate different foods even as he learns to appreciate other things.

School Lunches

Many rural children still carry their lunches to school. The contents of these lunch boxes need to have the right kind of food to carry the children through the school day of physical and mental activities.

A good pattern for a lunch box is a substantial sandwich with a filling of meat, cheese, egg, fish, peanut butter, baked beans, or a substantial food with bread and butter; a succulent food such as salad, vegetable sandwich, raw or cooked vegetable or a fruit; milk to be drunk in the form of milk, soup, cocoa, custard, or other milk pudding; fruit or fruit juice, and something sweet.

In a really excellent school lunch there is something hot. Unless a hot dish is prepared at school it is well to carry something from home in a thermos bottle.

Whole Wheat for Calcium, Iron, and Vitamins

Whole wheat cleaned, soaked, and cooked until tender makes a delicious cereal and it may be used in chowders and casserole dishes. If it is added to cookies, muffins, or cup cakes it gives a delicious nutty flavor and chewy texture.

By grinding the whole wheat in a mill or a food chopper the time needed for cooking and for eating the cereal is greatly reduced. This ground wheat is especially delicious and nutritious if cooked in milk in place of water. It is then called a porridge and is often served for supper or luncheon rather than for breakfast. If the whole wheat is toasted in a cool oven—300 F.—for about an hour before it is ground or cooked it gives a different and a very delicious cereal.

Whole wheat served as a cereal or ground and used as a flour is an excellent source of strength or energy food, a good source of iron, and of vitamin B. These minerals are essential for vigor and stamina. Wheat contains considerable protein or muscle building food materials, also. If milk is used with the wheat the protein of the wheat is made more effective. For this reason whole wheat bread and milk are a highly recommended in expensive combination.

Roasting Chicken, Duck, Turkey, or Guinea

Ninty-nine per cent of our American families like to have roast fowl for company dinner. The time-honored way to cook a fowl is to roast it. Roast fowl looks good, tastes good, and is good for you. This year there are two special reasons for serving roast turkey, duck, guinea, goose, or chicken. First, poultry 'spares' the meat which can be shipped to our armed forces and allies and second, the dressing which is practically always served with the roast fowl makes it possible to serve more people from one bird and so this method of cooking fits in with the Share-the-Meat thought.

Roast is one of the easiest ways of cooking meat. If the oven is one that will hold an even low temperature there is nothing one needs to do to the roast after it is put in the oven except to turn it once and to take it out when it is done. There is no need to keep looking at the roasting bird, to baste it, or to punch or poke it about. If one uses a meat thermometer, the thermometer will indicate the degree of doneness and one can estimate rather accurately the time when the meat will be ready to serve. There are so many things to do that this easy way to prepare the main dish of the company dinner is a help.

In deciding on the size of the chicken or turkey needed to serve the family and guests, estimate ¾ lb. to 1 lb. of dressed weight for each person. A turkey that weighs 12 lbs. when dressed will serve from 12 to 15 hungry people.

Only young well fatted birds should be roasted. If the bird is old or poorly finished braise it—that is, put the lid on the roasting pan and cook it with moist rather than with dry heat.

Appetizers for Dinner

Colorful fruit juice or fruit cups are good appetizers for dinner. Save steps when you are both cook and hostess, too, by serving your fruit juice with the main course rather than as a first course. Place it, served in small glasses, to the right and a little below each water glass.

In making up your own fruit cup combination, do not use too many fruits. Be sure, too, to choose fruits that give a pleasing contrast in color, texture, and flavor. It is well to prepare fruit cups and fruit juice ahead of time and let the flavors mingle while they chill until serving time. Grape, pineapple, lemon, lime, or cranberry juice as well as ginger ale, cider, or carbonated water add color and flavor when poured over the cut up fruit.

Finishing the Christmas Turkey

When the remainder of the Christmas turkey is taken from the table it may appear that there is little left of the bird, but the remaining meat may be the foundation for a variety of good dishes both hot and cold.

Some of the dishes which may be prepared are turkey a la king, savory creamed turkey loaf, turkey croquettes, turkey souffle, turkey timbales, or turkey chop suey. Cold dishes might include jellied turkey, club sandwiches, and turkey salad.

Missouri USDA War Board Question Box

Q. Is the government supporting prices of essential agricultural commodities?

A. Price supports have been announced for dairy and poultry products, meat animals, and food crops through June 1944. This will be done through purchases, loans, and other measures.

Q. Are feed prices likely to increase?

A. No. They will be maintained at about the 1942 level. Loans at 85 or 90 percent of parity will be made for corn, wheat, cotton, tobacco, and rice.

Q. At what level will hog prices be supported?

A. At 90 percent of parity until September 1944. In no event will the price for good and choice grade 240 to 270 pound hogs go below $13.25, Chicago basis.

Q. What about poultry products?

A. Chickens weighing in excess of three pounds will have a supported price of 90 percent of parity. Egg prices have the same guarantee and in no event will the average price for the year be below 34 cents a dozen.

Q. What guarantee is given dairy farmers?

A. Dairy products will likewise be supported at 90 percent of parity and in no event will the average price be lower than 46 cents for 92 score butter, 27 cents for No. 1 American cheese, 12½ cents for roller processed dried skim milk, and 14½ cents for spray processed milk.

Q. Will the support price be continued for soybeans?

A. Yes, Soybeans high in oil content and meeting specifications wille be worth at least $1.60 per bushel.

Q. When will farmers sign up for the 1943 food production job?

A. The sign-up will begin about the middle of January and will continue until every farmer has been contacted and given an opportunity to make his pledge for food production.

Q. Will farmers have an opportunity to see a copy of the Farm Plan before they are contacted for the sign-up?

A. Yes, a work sheet will be sent to each farmer and he will have a chance to make his plans from thi tentative copy.

Q. How will the work sheet and final Farm plan be used?

A. They will form the basis for certain determinations and recommendations by County War Boards. They will affect the deferment of essential agricultural workers and distribution of needed labor, machinery, materials, etc.

Q. When will county food production goals be announced?

A. In the immediate future. The State Board is completing the job of establishing county goals at the present time.

Q. Did American farmers produce more in 1942 than during the last year of World War I?

A. Production in 1942 was 40 percent greater than in 1918.

Q. Do farmers have a guarantee that prices will be supported if the demand should decrease?

A. Yes. Hog prices are now supported by a floor of $13.25 for hogs weighing from 240 to 270 pounds. In addition, the Department of Agriculture has stated that prices will be supported at 90 percent of parity for two years following the war.

Information On Dairying

Dairymen of Pettis county can obtain valuable suggestions dealing with dairy production in 1943 by listening to a radio program to be broadcast each Saturday from January 2 until March 6 over station KMBC, Kansas City.

Timely information and answers to questions will be provided by M. J. Regan, extension dairyman of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. The program will be from 12:45 to 1 o'clock each Saturday afternoon and will immediately follow a similar one dealing with poultry information.



M. J. Regan

The program has been named "Victory Dairy Production" and on successive Saturdays it will deal with the following material: Dairy production in Missouri and our war needs: ncreasing milk our war needs. increasing milk production for the year; care of cows at feeding time; bringing heifers into wartime production; saving labor in milk production; good pasture provides cheap milk and more of it; cow and herd health; avoid waste of dairy products; grow better calves—sell more milk.

This program and the one dealing with popultry are a part of the efforts of the Missouri College of Agriculture to help farmers in obtaining maximum wartime production.

Community News From

Knob Noster

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hughes, of Hutchison, Kas., arrived in Knob Noster Tuesday. Mr. Hughes will make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lay, for the duration of the war, and Mr. Hughes expects to join the armed services soon.

Pvt. Mont Kendrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kendrick, who was stationed in Hawaai, is now in Australia.

Bob Carr, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Carr, has enlisted as a naval aviation cadet in the U. S. Naval Reserve, and was sworn in at the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, in Kansas City.

Sgt. George Brammer, who is with the Ferry Division of the Army Air Transport Command, and just returned from a trip overseas, came Wednesday from his base at Memphis, Tenn., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Brammer, and son, Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simons returned to their home in Chicago Monday after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Simons and other relatives.

The following officers were reelected at the regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge Thursday evening: A. S. Adcock, worshipful master; Frank House, senior warden; Walter Sibert, junior warden; H. A. Wimer, secretary; and Fred Jenks, treasurer.

Miss Louise Markman, of Warrensburg, and Lawrence Fuller, of south of Knob Noster, were married Saturday afternoon in Warrensburg by the Rev. George Jones, minister of the Christian church. They were accompanied by the groom's sister, Miss Virginia Fuller, and Gilbert Kuhlman. For the present, they will make their home with Mr. Fuller's mother, Mrs. Will Fuller, on a farm south of town.

A one-act play," Christmas at the Casey's", by Jesse Ford, was given by the senior class at the regular Christmas assembly at the school auditorium Thursday afternoon. Eileen Kendrick gave a reading, and Roberta Robinson read the old legend, "The Little Match Girl". Ethel Lane read the Christmas Story.

School will be dismissed Thursday afternoon, December 24, for the Christmas vacation, and classes will be resumed January 4.

Miss Dorothy Bobbitt, who entered the service as a navy nurse, was honored Saturday evening by her mother, Mrs. Virgie Bobbitt, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Boyd, with a dinner at the Boyd Cafe. Guests were: Miss Bobbitt, her sister, Sue Bobbitt, Martha Lou Boyd, Roberta Robinson, Bill Peterman, and the following soldiers from the air base: Marcus Cuddy, of Washington, D. C.; Sammy Herkowitz, of Detroit, Mich.; Harlen Pearce, of New Orleans; Joe Graham and George Davis, of Ohio; and Glen Williford, of Georgia.

Estil Lee Curnutt, of Kansas City, accompanied by Miss Thelma Dien, of Kansas City, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Karl Swisher and family, north of town.

Time To Prepare Brooding Operations

Time is more likely to be available now to prepare for brooding operations than in later weeks. It will be especially wise to check all brooding equipment and order needed repairs immediately. If more feeders could be used to advantage, these should be built or the new wartime fiberboard feeders ordered or secured. Roosting frames and range feeders can be built or repaired. The range shelter might be brought in for use as a sun porch, and the brooder house cleaned and disinfected. If a range shelter is not included in your equipment, it should, above everything else, be built during the season when other work is less pressing.

Care For Rubber Very Important

Certain rubber articles should now be put in proper storage for winter months. Garden hose heads the list for proper storage. The kinks should be straightened out and the hose stored on a reel or coiled on a flat dry surface. Hot water bottles, ice packs and syringes should be dried thoroughly away from heat, wrapped in heavy paper or lay in a box. There should be no sharp bends or sharp objects to cut it.

Wringer rolls should have the pressure released after each washing. The rolls should be wiped clean and dry before storing.

Although boots, galoshes, and rubbers are not stored during the winter, their care should be most important. They should be cleaned with warm water, dried with a cloth or in a cool, airy place and kept in a cool place when not in use. Precaution should be taken not to set rubbers near a stove as intense heat is very harmful.

Difficult Goals Met By Clubs

Twenty-two Of Them Meet Achievements

Twenty-two Home Economics Extension clubs of Pettis County have proved that they can meet difficult goals under many obligations. Those clubs met the standard of achievement for 1942 by the hard work and cooperation of their members.

This did not mean that they merely had program numbers to receive a certificate, but it meant that they did things for the benefit of their families and their communities and by so doing were presented a certificate of achievement.

The requirements were set up by a committee of club members representing various parts of Missouri, not as a must for every club, but as a challenge for all clubs who chose to attempt it. The committee met and established their requirements before war was declared and war adjustments were necessary, therefore, this standard was most difficult under war conditions. Following are the clubs who met the challenge even under those conditions:

Arator Homemakers
Bois d'Arc Extension
Bowling Green Extension
Hillview Extension
Hughesville Extension
Liberty
Oak Point Extension
Ringen Neighbors
Smithton Home Economis
Blackwater Progressive
Alexander
Champion Striped College Homemakers
Smithton Friendly Homemakers
Hopewell Homemakers
Longwood Extension
Maplewood Better Homes
Oak Grove Home Economics
Quisenberry Home Economics
South Abell Extension
Stokley Extension
Van Natta Extension
Flat Creek Women's Home Economics

Rural Life Problems

Are you sharing your meat on Christmas? Remember the boys who are sharing their guns and bombs for you. Even though poultry for Christmas dinner will cost a little more cash it will be a way of patriotically sharing the pork, beef, veal, lamb, and mutton and will be at much less cost than the boys are giving in the armed services.

Any poultry whether it be goose turkey, duck, or chicken will go farther on the Christmas table with apple stuffing. The recipe is as follows:

Apple Stuffing

5 tart apples, diced
¼ cup diced salt pork
½cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped parsley
½ cup sugar
2 cups fine dry bread crumbs

Fry the salt pork until crisp, and remove the pieces from the skillet. Cook the celery, onion, and parsley in the fat for a few minutes and remove them. Put the apples into the skillet, sprinkle with the sugar, cover, and cook until tender, then remove the lid and continue to cook until the juice evaporates and the pieces of apples are candied. Add the other ingredients to the apples. Use as any dressing.

In general, the enemies of rubber are heat, light, oil, grease, tar, copper, and dry cleaning fluids if left on longer than 2 or 3 minutes.

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W. V. Richeson Dies After Hit By A Train

Auto Of Rural Carrier Struck At County Line

William Valord Richeson, a rural mail carrier out of Knob Noster, was fatally injured about 10 o'clock Saturday morning when his car was struck by an extra freight pulled by engine No. 1443, Missouri Pacific at the County Line crossing west of La Monte, and about three miles east of Knob Noster. He died while being taken to LaMonte by the trainmen.

Mr. Richeson, a mail carrier for several years, carried Route No. 2. He was driving his car a 1941 Chevrolet five-passenger coupe south across the crossing and the train was headed east when the crash occurred. The car was knocked nearly fifty feet north of the tracks. The car according to information given out was struck on the right door.

The body was taken on to La Monte where Dr. W. T. Bishop, coroner, viewed it. Dr. Bishop after questioning trainmen and others at the scene, decided it was not necessary for an inquest as it was evident the mishap was an unavoidable accident.

Tom Ferguson, Jefferson City, formerly of Sedalia, was conductor in charge of the train. The body was taken to the Parker home in La Monte and Saturday afternoon to the Saults Funeral home in Knob Noster, and later was removed to the family home.

No funeral arrangements have been made pending word from relatives.

At Knob Noster Since 1935

Mr. Richeson was born at Carrollton, Mo., March 9, 1899, the son of Thomas V. Richeson, and the late Lilola Richeson. He was married October 29, 1931 at Dudley, Mo., to Miss Ina Orr.

They moved to Paragould, Arkansas, then to Cadiz, Kentucky, where he was a rural carrier for several years. They then moved to Knob Noster in 1935.

Mr. Richeson was a member of the Masonic lodge at Taylor, Arkansas.

Surviving him are his widow and three children, Alan and Sue twins, nine years old, and Billy, seven years old, all of the home in Knob Noster, also his father who reside in Bloomburg, Texas.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Edith Smith, Baton Rouge, La., Mrs. Carl Dudley of Columbus, Indiana, and Miss Margaret Richeson of Bloomburg, Texas, five brothers, Leon of Hope, Arkansas, Melvin in the United States Army in Camp Barkledge, Texas, Thomas and Orville of Bloomburg, Texas, and Ernest in the United States Navy stationed in New York.

The body is at the family home pending funeral arrangements.

Christmas Song Program Pleases

Two hundred and eighty high school and grade school pupils took part in a Christmas Song Program at Smith-Cotton high school Thursday night under director of Music Supervisor Burney Morriss.

Over 600 parents, brothers, sisters and school children friends of the participants witnessed the first presentation of this type of musical program.

At the pianos on each side of the auditorium stage were Rosalee Marshall and Mary Rissler. As the program opened high school girls wearing black robes and surplices, and carrying candles, descended steps from the balcony, to the stage to join the grade school pupils as all sang, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful."

Included in the 14 Christmas E numbers during the hour's cour were a 17th Century jez-El- French Carol, Polish that "Austrian Carol, Bohemian Me the hard 13th Century Carol.

Trar like of the pupils for this program started early in the school year under the direction of Mr. Morris and the following music teachers: Jefferson, Miss Frances Brunkhorst; Washington, Marion Smith; Whittier, Coejeaune Royster; Broadway, Marian Snell; Horace Mann, Ida Mae Redkey; Mark Twain, Geraldine Teufel.

Is Bound Over On A Liquor Charge

Margaret Ficklin charged with selling intoxicating liquor without a state license, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace A. M. Harlan, Saturday and was bound over to the action of the January term of criminal court.

She was released on a $1,000 bond for her appearance before Judge Dimmitt Hoffman in criminal court.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Johnnie Cornine, Sedalia, and Dorothy Kuhn, Sedalia.

Leo E. Paxton, Sedalia, Delsie . Payton, Mexico.

LeRoy C. Ryan, Green Ridge, and Doris J. Binder, Knob Noster.

James Estel Beaman, La Monte, and Mary Emma Arnold, Sedalia.

With the Boys In . . . The Service



Pvt. Earl Perriguey, Camp Roberts, Calif., a truck driver in the army. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Perriguey, Sedalia, route 3.



Pfc. Alvin Kroenke, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Kroenke of Lincoln, who is stationed at Camp Wallace, Tex. He is in the quartermaster corps assigned to M. P. duty.



William Everett Cooper, Jr., 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cooper, of Knob Noster, who is in the marines, located at San Diego, Calif.



Lovell Farris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farris, 1823 S. Grand avenue, stationed at at Olathe, Kas.



Pfc. William E. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bennett, 321 South Engineer avenue, stationed at San Luis Obispo, Calif.



Wm. Earl Ray, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ray of New Franklin, who left for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., November 17, where he enlisted in the army air corps. He drove for the Sedalia Bus company for two years. His wife is the former Laura Mae Green.

Roy Siegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Siegel, who left Tuesday, November 17, for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., where he enlisted in the army air corps. He has been a driver of the Sedalia Bus company for the past seven years. His wife is the former Rosaline Henderson. Jr. Ray, also a bus driver, enlisted and left with Roy.



Pvt. Eugene W. Houchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Houchen, of Houstonia, who is stationed at Camp Robinson, Ark



Arthur C. Rodgers, in the U. S. Army.



Pvt. Leonard Lee Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ford, 301 East Twenty-fifth st., who is in the United States Army, stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif. He has been in service since September 1, 1942.



Pfc. Wm. Perry Furnell, Jr., entered the service in December, 1940, and is now stationed in Rice, Calif. His parents reside at 1800 S. Warren avenue.

Master Sergeant Robert L. Conley has been transferred from Fort Leavenworth, Kas., to Camp Custer, Mich

Personals

Mrs. Kate Connor and daughter, Miss Lucile Connor, of Jefferson City, are spending the week end in Sedalia.

Mrs. Walter A. Schmidle has returned home after a months visit with her husband, Private Walter Schmidle at Camp Roberts, Calif.

Mrs. Voight Gehle of South Moniteau avenue is spending the week-end in Louisville, Ky., visiting her husband who is in training at Bowman Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Keens, 1008 South Massachusetts avenue, are expecting as their holiday guests their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Keens and little daughter, Nancy, of Kansas City.

Wesley J. Dolginoff, who is attending the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ida Dolginoff, 1070 West Fourth street.

Pvt. Kalo Bottcher, who was inducted into the army November 23, stationed at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., is visiting his wife and daughter, Carol Ann, 907 East Fifth street.

Private H. A. Wade, of the Marine Corps, stationed in the federal building, New Orleans, has returned to active duty after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wade, 1008 South Ohio avenue.

Sergeant George Meyers, of Fort Knox, Ky., is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Meyers, of 500 West Third street, and will remain until after Christmas when he is to be transferred to another post in a clerical position.

Buddy McNamara, who is attending St. Benedict college, Atchison, Kas., arrived home Friday night to spend the Christmas holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Isabelle McNamara and aunt, Miss Lureen Keck, 314 East Third street.

Edward McGrath and John Palmer came to Sedalia Friday night and returned to St. Louis Saturday. They were accompanied to St. Louis by Mr. McGrath's mother, Mrs. J. F. McGrath and his brother, Mark McGrath, 4200 South Kentucky avenue, who will spend the Christmas holidays in the McGrath home there.

Dance At Base For USO Girls

Seventy-five Sedalia girls, and a large number from Warrensburg, were guests at a dance at the Army Air Field Friday night, given by a number of the enlisted men. It was held in the gymnasium, with music by the base orchestra.

The girls were escorted to the dance in army trucks, a novel experience for most of them, and accompanying them were a number of the senior hostesses, and W. C. Wining, USO director. While it was cold on the return trip, shortly after 11 o'clock, the girls all declared they had enjoyed the evening so much, it was worth the discomfort.

Christmas Party At Olive Branch

The Olive Branch Ever Ready club met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Harp for an all-day meeting. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Harry Sponcler. It was voted to send all soldier boys of the community Christmas cards.

A Christmas party followed, in which gifts were exchanged and names drawn for the coming year.

The next meeting will be January 20 with Mrs. Harry Sponsler.

Sedalians Indicted By A Federal Grand Jury

Among thirty-six additional indictments returned by a federal grand jury at Kansas City were two against Sedalians and are returnable at Jefferson City. They are James R. Schneider, carrying on a business as retail liquor dealer at Sedalia, Mo., without payment of federal taxes, and Prayor W. Jackson on a like accusation.

Obituaries

Funeral Of Mrs. Louis Hoffman

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Dimmitt Hoffman, aged 90 years, widow of the late Judge Louis Hoffman who served a term on the circuit court bench, and mother of Judge Dimmitt Hoffman, Pettis county circuit judge, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Fifth street Methodist church, of which she was a member. The pastor, the Rev. H. U. Campbell will officiate and music will be in charge of I. H. Reed.

Pall bearers will be the following friends of the family: Judge A. M. Harlan, C. E. Johnson, Carson Meredith, Roy W. Snyder, Ernest Van Wagner and E. W. Couey.

Interment will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

The body, which was taken to the McLaughlin funeral chapel following her passing Friday evening at her home, 901 South Missouri avenue, will be taken to the home this morning to remain until the funeral hour.

Mrs. Hoffman during her long and useful life was unusually active and deeply interested in missionary and church work. Especially was she devoted to the interests of missionaries abroad having personal acquaintance with many in China and but a couple of days ago received a letter from a returned misisonary from there.

As a member of the Fifth street Methodist church she attended services whenever possible. She belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sorosis and in former years when the W. C. T. U., had an active organization in Sedalia she gave of both her time and talents toward furtherance of the cause of temperance.

Resided Here Since 1883

Mrs. Hoffman, who was born in Indiana, had as her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dimmitt, many years residents of Boone county.

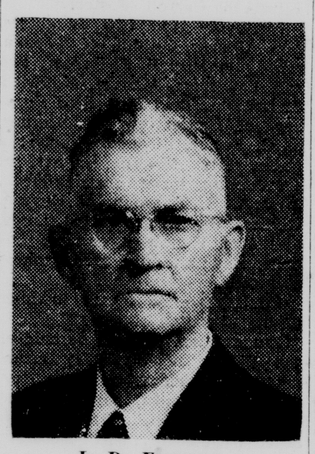
She was married to the late Judge Louis Hoffman in 1878 and in 1883 came to Sedalia with her husband from Hermann, Gasconade county, making her home here since. Judge Louis Hoffman passed away in 1827.

Besides members of the various religious and other bodies with which she was affiliated she had numerous personal friends here and elsewhere.

Besides the son, Judge Hoffman, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Luella Goodson, of Liberty, Mo., and Miss Margaret Hoffman, of the home.

J. D. Ferguson

Joseph Daniel Ferguson, who last July 1 retired as agent-telegrapher for the Missouri Pacific at Hughesville, after twenty-five years service there, died of a heart attack near his home in Hughesville about 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.



J. D. Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson left his home, starting down town. He stopped to talk to a neighbor, Mrs. John Parkhurst, and had been gone only about five minutes when he was found, collapsed on the sidewalk, by Mrs. Parkhurst.

Mr. Ferguson was born June 5, 1877, at Chamois, Mo. He was married to Lillie Hallberg, at Courtland, Kas., in 1903. He had been a railroad agent for over forty years, serving with the Rock Island and Sante Fe before entering the service of the Missouri Pacific.

Surviving the deceased are his wife and two sons, Elmer Ferguson, who is with the U. S. Navy, stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, and Clark Ferguson, a teacher in the North Kansas City high school. He also leaves three grand children,, Billy Ferguson, Cleveland and Darlene 18 days old, and Diane Ferguson, of Kansas City; two brothers, Tom Ferguson, Smithton and Robert Ferguson, Chamois; one sister, Mrs. Alma Englege, of Chamois.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

The body was taken to Gillespie's funeral home.

The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Masonic Temple, Seventh street and Osage avenue.

Mrs. Mary Bond

Mrs. Mary Bond, 83 years old, passed away at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Murray, 410 West Broadway, at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bond came to Sedalia to reside last May from South Dakota.

Surviving is the daughter, Mrs. Murray, three sons, John Bond, Iona, S. D., Norman Bond, Vetal, S. D., and Ezra Bond, Bonesteel, a sister, Sophia Kott, Academy, S. D., a half brother, Charles Talicha, also of Academy, S. D., and a half sister, Anna Kuchera, of North Dakota.

The body was taken to McLaughlin's funeral chapel and Monday afternoon was with relatives taken to Iona, S. D., her former home for burial.

Clate Young

Clate Young, 83 years old, passed away at 728 East Fifth street about 6 o'clock Sunday morning. He had been making his home at the East Fifth street address for the past two years.

Surviving are two brothers, Mart Young, Hopkins, Mo., and F. A. Young of Tegon, Wash.

The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Crown Hill cemetery.

Erwin E. Weed

Erwin E. Weed, 85 years old, passed away at his home, 718 Troost avenue, Kansas City, Saturday.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Emma Weed, of the home, one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Edler, Kansas City, one son, Harvey Weed, 705 East Fifth street, Sedalia, two brothers, Frank E. Weed Boston Lake, N. Y., S. P. Weed, Boston Spall, N. Y.

Services were held at The Chapel, 918 Brooklyn, and the body was brought to Sedalia Monday afternoon at 2:30 and taken to Gillespie funeral home. At 4 o'clock graveside services were held at Crown Hill cemetery with Rev. G. M. Vriezelaar, pastor of the Full Gospel church, officiating.

Buick Struck By Ford Is Damaged

Considerable damage resulted to a 1938 Buick coupe driven by Darwin M. Scott, 1520 South Ohio avenue, when struck by a 1937 Ford coach driven by a boy who gave his name as James Elliott.

Scott was turning off of Fifteenth street and heading south on Grand avenue, and the Ford was headed north when the accident occurred. According to Scott's report to the police the boy put on his brakes and was unable to control his car because of the icy pavement.

The accident occurred about 5 o'clock Saturday evening.

Granite Lodge Elects Officers

Everett White was elected Worshipful Master of Granite Lodge, No. 272, A. F. and A. M. at the annual meeting Friday night. Other officers elected are:

Senior Warden, Roll McNeil.
Junior Warden, J. M. Holland.
Treasurer, T. W. Aulgur.
Secretary, J. R. Smetana.

Donations were made to the Salvation Army, Christmas Stocking Fund and the Melita Day Nursery.

It was reported that at least 75 per cent of the membership belong to the "Ten Per Cent" club.

Bowling Green Club Meeting

The Bowling Green Home Extension club met with Mrs. Floyd McFarland for the December meeting with Miss Flossie Ferguson assisting hostess. The opening song, "America the Beautiful" was followed by prayer by Mrs. Floyd McFarland.

The letter from Miss Dorothy Bacon was read by Mrs. J. B. Ellison. Mrs. Floyd McFarland was elected parliamentarian for the coming year and a game committee, Mrs. Gene Patrick, Mrs. Claude Gardner, and Mrs. Igo was chosen.

Visitors were Mrs. Grimes, Miss Lozella Grimes, Mrs. Roy Holman, Mrs. Gordon Ricks, Mrs. Ed Igo home.

Bicycle Missing

Richard Humphrey, 1936 East Seventh street, reported to the police Saturday his bicycle was stolen from near the Smoke House sometime between 10:30 and 11:30 o'clock Friday night.

First Telegraph Messenger Girl



Miss Maryruth Dotson, 18, messenger for the Postal Telegraph company, has just delivered a message in a business house, and is ready to start off on her wheel again. She is the first girl messenger for Sedalia. Her mother, Mrs. Marie Dotson, is manager of the Sedalia Postal Telegraph office. Miss Maryruth has graduated from Smith-Cotton high school and took a business course at Central Business College.

Community News From

Clifton City

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Seifert and family, of near Syracuse, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cramer, of Smithton, visited here with Mrs. E. J. Halahan and Sidney O'Neil Sunday.

Emil Morris, who owns the Frank Creagan farm adjoining Clifton City bought the old central office the past week, which was owned by W. B. Layne, of Bunceton. He will move this building to his farm for use as a chicken house.

Miss Margaret Harlan, who teaches in the Boonville public school system, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harlan.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson spent the past week in Sedalia with her daughters, Misses Dixie Ruth and Jo Ella Johnson, who accompanied her home Friday and spent the week end in their home.

Mrs. Mollie Potter, who has been visiting her son, R. L. Potter, and wife, at Postal the past month, is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. Add Johnson and family at Clifton City.

Jack Potter, who is in training at Gardner, Kas., came home Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jabe Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schupp and family had as their guests Tuesday evening Mrs. Schupp's sister, Mrs. Charlie Dilthey and Mr. Dilthey, of Bunceton.

Pfc. Earl Deuschle, who is stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala., left Friday for that place after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Deuschle, north of town, and other relatives and friends of this community.

Joe Taylor, who has been doing defense work at DeSoto, Kas., came home last week fo a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Taylor.

Medical Society Meeting Here

The Central Missouri Medical Society, composed of outstate Negro physicians, held a meeting Thursday evening in Sedalia with Dr. Waite H. Madison, Marshall, president, presiding.

Scientific papers were read and discussed and a clinic arranged by the Sedalia doctors, Dr. M. B. Weathers, Dr. W. C. Dansey, and Dr. A. R. Maddox, was held.

Visiting doctors other than those mentioned were: Dr. R. G. Richardson, Jefferson City; Dr. L. S. Daigle, Lincoln university, Jefferson City, Dr. Randolph Boffman, Dr. W. R. Arthur, both of Columbia, Dr. M. A. Richardson of Fulton.

The War Mothers club served a turkey dinner to the men at the home of Mrs. Brooks Moore, 409 West Johnson street.

The women who served the dinner, all members of the War Mothers club, were: Mrs. M. Burrell, president; Mrs. R. Alexander, vice-president; Mrs. T. Parks, secretary; Miss M. M. Jackson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. Moore, treasurer; Mrs. F. Kingsbury, Mrs. Opal Draffen, Mrs. Mabel Gray, Miss V. Willene Jackson, Mrs. Marie Lindsay, Mrs. Laurabell Crouch, Mrs. Eva Grant, Mrs. Crawley Jackson, Mrs. Rainey, Mrs. Eula Brown, and Mrs. Betty Briscoe.

Officers Club Dance Called Off Saturday Night

The dance, formally opening the officers club at the Sedalia Army Air Field Saturday night, was called off because of the inclement weather.

Slight Damage To Truck

The fire companies at 7:45 o'clock Saturday morning were called to Broadway and Park avenue, where an International truck belonging to A. E. Blaue had caught fire from a backfire. Slight damage resulted.

Democrat-Capital Class Ads get results, 10 words, 1 week, 80c. Phone 1000.

Believes Billfold Was Stolen

Harry E. Harms, of Cole Camp reported to police Friday night that while he was down town in Sedalia his billfold containing over $40, his selective Service registration card and a federal auto tax stamp was lost or stolen. He believes he was the victim of a pickpocket.

The billfold, which was in the bib pocket of the overalls Harms was wearing, contained four $10 bills, a $1 bill and additional money. Harms is particularly anxious to recover his registration card and the federal stamp.

The money, he said, represented savings to pay his taxes.

An investigation was made by police.

Community News From

La Monte

Miss Elsie B. Smiley

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gillock had, as a dinner guest Sunday, their nephew, Pvt. Russell Conn, who is stationed at the Federal Air Base south of Knob Noster. Other guests in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. P. C. MacCurdy and daughter, Miss Zelena MacCurdy, of Sedalia.

William Settles, of Kansas City, and D. A. Settles arrived Saturday and Sunday, because of the death of their mother, Mrs. Emma Settles. The former returned home Tuesday, while D. A. Settles remained for a longer visit with his sister, Miss Elizabeth Settles.

Miss Dorothy Bobbitt, of Knob Noster, a graduate nurse of Bethany hospital, in Kansas City, visited Friday and Saturday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bobbitt, and other relatives here. Miss Bobbitt has enlisted as a Red Cross nurse in the naval reserves, and left Tuesday for the Great Lakes Naval base for training.

Mrs. C. I. Phipps, of Blue Ridge and Mrs. E. W. Davidson, of Kansas City, attended the funeral of Mrs. Emma Settles Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Fisher received a message Friday announcing the birth of a son to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Payne, of Creighton. Mrs. Fisher left Tuesday for a visit with her daughter, the former Miss Nadine Fisher, and new grandson.

Mrs. Ida King went to Kansas City Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Young and other friends.

A public sale of the property and household goods of the late Miss Maggie Sullivan was held Saturday afternoon. A brother, John Sullivan, purchased the residence property.

Ernest Jackson, who is attending an electric welding school in Kansas City, spent the week end here with his family.

Mrs. Gillman Scott was called to Sedalia Friday by the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. Esther Wiley, who passed away Saturday evening.

The Friendship club had as its guests speaker the Rev. Harvey J. Smith, pastor of the Christian church, at the regular meeting Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. E. Kerby. "Friendship" was the subject of his speech, in which he spoke of world conditions as they now exist and our personal part in them. The American Citizenship committee, with Mrs. J. D. White as leader, had charge of the program. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Mary Patton. After the salute to the flag, some patriotic musical numbers were played on the accordion by Mrs. Kerby. Mrs. D. A. Lyne told of experiences of a nurse on the African fighting front, as related to a friend in the states. Mrs. Harvey J. Smith and son, Paul and Mrs. Emmett Brown were guests of the club.

Jack Carlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlin, who is a student in Central College, Fayette, was sworn itno the Army Air Corps Monday. Though he hopes to finish the school term, he is subject to call.

Mrs. Lena Rogers, of Jefferson City, arrived Tuesday evening for a brief visit with her mother, Alice Landes, and to look after business matters.

Miss Virginia Wharton, of Kansa City, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wharton.

Christmas Program At Jefferson School

The Jefferson P. T. A. met Friday afternoon at the school, with the president, Mrs. J. H. Raybourn, presiding. Devotional was led by Mrs. Lloyd Roe. After a short business meeting, the children presented the following program:

Two songs—Grades one and two.

The Night Before Christmas—Third grade.

Two songs — Jefferson school chorus.

Play, "Santa's Mittens"—Grade two.

Duet—Bobby Barnes and William White.

Choral readings—Grade four.

Play, "The Christmas Story"—Grade seven, assisted by chorus of fifth, sixth, and seventh grades.

'Toughen-Up' Course At S.-C.

Special Program For Youths To Enter Service

Boys, seniors in high school, seventeen years old and arriving at the age of eighteen, will have an opportunity to take a voluntary "toughening-up course" at Smith-Cotton high school starting on Monday, January 4. This announcement was made by Superintendent of Schools Heber U. Hunt, who has assigned John Ligon the task of arranging the program.

Already seventy boys have indicated intention of taking advantage of the course which will be of great benefit to them when, and if, they are called into the armed services. Many boys in high school will turn their eighteenth birthday before the school term is out, then they must register for selective service, hence it was decided to give them every advantage to provide themselves with a course to toughen them up as well as being able to take over the obstacle course which the army puts its men through during basic training.

Some time ago Mr. Hunt sent Mr. Ligon and Albert Steiner, basketball coach to Fort Leonard Wood to contact the training officers there. They were shown over the obstacle course there, and were given the primary information for the setting up a high school course. It of course will be carried out along the standard lines of the army.

Physical Education Class

It is not a compulsory course, only being established to help Sedalia's youths who are prospects for the armed services. The Sedalians were told that boys who take the course will benefit much, as when they enter the service they will find the training which they must receive there much easier than if they have to take it as "raw recruits".

The class is what is termed as an extra physical educational class and will be held the last hour of school. It will be held every day. The reason for the last hour being assigned in case hikes are taken and are such they are unable to return in the hour period.

Plans are now underway to start the primary training at the "Y gym". Every means of training the army gives will be used. The "Y gym" is perfect for the early stages of this training, it was said.

Mr. Ligon in discussing the plans said that rill will be given, providing the boys show enough interest in taking it. Previously before the new Selective Service age bill was passed, the boys displayed lack of interest in drills. However, this training, it is pointed out, will benefit these boys when they enter the service and will be of a great help in obtaining early advancement from the "buck private" ranks.

Mr. Hunt also stated that Red Cross First Aid course will be given every senior in high school. This course is compulsory and will be classed as a part of the American Problems classes.

A similar training course is being conducted in the Marshall high school under Coach "Bill" Lyons. The course has met with the approval of all the boys in high school and they are taking advantage of it.

Community News From

Clarksburg

Mrs. Maude Albin

Funeral services for Mrs. C. W. Cobb, daughter of the late John H. and Nevada Stinson, were held Monday afternoon at the Clarksburg Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Laws and Rev. A. B. Constantz, pastor of the California Baptist church.

Mrs. Cobb passed away at her home in Clarksburg December 12, at the age of 52 years.

Survivers are: One daughter, Mrs. Norman Clark, of Kansas City; her husband, C. W. Cobb; two brothers, Alfred F. Stinson, of Clarksburg, and Charles Stinson of Kansas City; one sister, Mrs. Bertha Smith, of Rolfe, Ia.; and other more distant relatives.

Interment was made in the Clarksburg Masonic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clark, of Kansas City, came Saturday evening to be present at the funeral of Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. C. W. Cobb. They will remain until the latter part of the week.

Otto Spurgeon held a closing out sale at his farm on highway 50, southwest of town, Thursday. The farm has been sold to Arthur Simmons, of Nebraska.

According to word received by Mrs. Golder Martin, her brother, Pvt. Leonard Martin, who is in the sevice and has been in camp at Blythe, Calif., has been transferred to Greenville, South Carolina.

Bothwell Hospital Notes

Mrs. Maime Dwyer, 700 West Third street, admitted for surgery.

John Lujen, Smithton, and Mrs. Lillie Bauer, Stover, dismissed.

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The Service





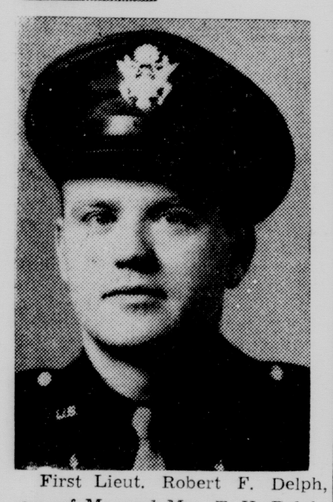
Private Charles Burns McEniry, (left) stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis., and his brother, Pfc. Joe McEniry, who is now in Northern Africa. The soldiers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McEniry, of Dial-Whi-Mo Court.



Glenn R. Pohl, who is stationed at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., has returned there after having visited for a week with relatives and friends here.



William McClure Sprecher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sprecher, of Sedalia, who enlisted in the marines last May and is now stationed in Texas for further training.



First Lieut. Robert F. Delph, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Delph, 1420 South Ohio avenue, who is with the ordnance department of the U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga. He enlisted in the army in November, 1940, with the 128th Field Artillery. Lieutenant Delph and wife recently visited his parents here.



Lieut. John Rudd Van Dyne, general sales manager for the American Disinfecting company, who is now stationed at Fort Warren, Wyo. Mrs. Van Dyne is in Wyoming with him. He is in the quartermaster's corps.

Pfc. Quintin C. Binder, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Binder of Knob Noster, Route 3, who was inducted into the service August 6, 1942. He is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.



Robert "Bob" Robinson, grandson of D. H. Robinson, 312 West Fifth street, who enlisted in the air corps, and is now playing in the Army Air Corps band at Jefferson Barracks. The organization is known as the Jive Bombers, and is a dance band, which often broadcasts over a St. Louis radio station. His twin brother, David Robinson, has enlisted as a flying cadet, and is waiting for his call to service.

Corley E. Phillips, 309 East Third street, has been accepted in the United States Army at Jefferson Barracks, according to information received from the Public Relation officer of that Post.

When in Sedalia he was employed at the Missouri Pacific shops.

John Edward Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carroll, of LaMonte, was sworn into the United States Army Air Cadet Corps in Kansas City, Kas. He was a graduate of the class of 1940 of LaMonte high school, and is attending Missouri Valley college, Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stohr, of Cole Camp, have received a Christmas poem, written by their son, Michael J. Stohr, who is in the army, stationed at Santa Marie, Mich., Fort Brady, Mich.

Ray Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Cook of Smithton, is in the Ordnance department and is stationed at Camp Santa Anita, Calif.

Private Jack L. Lobaugh, well known Sedalian, has graduated from the Army Air Technical school as a radio operator. He received his diploma Saturday, December 12. Private Lobaugh according to a report from the school had an average grade of 83.4 for the entire course, an exceptional grade for students in that school.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lobaugh, 726 East Fifth street.

Fred Wenley, 109 East Sixth street, who recently enlisted in the United States Navy is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

Corp. Oliver Hunter, Jr., who has been on a ten-day furlough which he spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hunter and sister, Louise, Route 6, Sedalia, has gone to Los Angeles, Calif., where he will be on desert maneuvers.

Pvt. William J. Murphy, who recently was graduated from the Chicago School of Aircraft Instruction, is now stationed at Patterson Field, Dayton, O. Pvt. Murphy was given a seven-day furlough, and he, in company with Mrs. William J. Murphy, of Kansas City, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Murphy, of Paris, Mo., and her mother, Mrs. J. H. Youngkamp, and family, of Smithton.

Pvt. Kalo E. Bottcher, who resided with his wife and daughter at 424 North Engineer avenue,

Private Lilburn L. Anderson, a member of the Military Police Corps, at the United States Army Air Base, Ardmore, Oklahoma, has returned to the base after a ten day furlough visiting with relatives and friends in Sedalia. Private Anderson enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps on November 7 and received his basic training at Bowman Field, Kentucky.

Leonard Griffin, son of Mrs. Ethel Griffin Sedalia, who recently was inducted into the army, has been assigned to the medical division at Camp Adair.

Shelby Oehrke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Oehrke, Florence, has been moved from Great Lakes Naval Training school and is doing service on the waters now.





Carl J. Meyer, (left) carpenters mate, third class of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Meyer, Knob Noster. He enlisted in the navy in December, 1941, took his first training at San Diego, Calif., was sent to Philadelphia, Pa., and from there to Norfolk, Va. For the past several months he has been on active duty aboard a ship.

Roy Harms, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harms, of Ionia, now in Panama. He was inducted into the army in January, 1942.





Marion L. Meyers, (left) son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meyers, 812 East Sixth street, stationed at McChord Field, Washington, has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the U. S. Army Engineer Corps. He was inducted into the service September 8, 1942.

Pvt. Lonnie Tavener, 21, (right) son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tavener, of Green Ridge, who is stationed at Camp Wolters, Tex.





Private Melvin Dexheimer, 20, (left) inducted into the army November 6, now stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian islands. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dexheimer, route 3.

Jessie Leon Anderson, 20, (right) whose wife, Mrs. Helen Anderson, 409 South Montgomery avenue, and his mother, Mrs. R. L. Osborne, 1306 East Howard, have received word that he has arrived for training in the army in the Hawaiian islands. He went into service November 6. Mrs. Osborne has two other sons in the army, Corporal William T. Anderson and Pfc. Harold R. Anderson, both stationed in California. They left with the national guards in 1940.





Pfc. Clarence M. Kruse, (left) son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kruse, of Florence, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Pvt. Oliver Wienberg, (right) son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wienberg, of Ionia, entered the service June 17, 1941. He is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, but is now on maneuvers in Tennessee.





Pvt. Clarence H. Schroeder, (left) husband of Mrs. Clarence H. Schroeder, of Mora, and son of Mrs. Sophia Schroeder, also of Mora. He is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., and is studying to be a radio technician.

Bennett T. Woolery, (right) son of Mrs. Rosie K. Woolery, 1718 South Park avenue, has finished gunnery school at Ft. Myers, Fla., and is waiting for a call to action.

Luther Lindeman, Batesville, Ind., son of C. H. Lindeman, Smithton, has been inducted into the army and is stationed at Atlantic City, N. J., and is in the army air corps. He is attending a technical school at present.



Sgt. David F. Mahnken, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mahnken, aerial gunner in the U. S. Army Air Corps, who was recently transferred from Pueblo, Colo., to Tucson, Ariz., and has been promoted to first flight engineer.





Sgt. Dale R. Case, (left) stationed somewhere in California, who has been on a ten-day furlough and left Monday. While in Sedalia, he visited his wife, Mrs. Dale R. Case, 720 North Prospect avenue, and his mother, Mrs. Daisy Case, 1109 East Eleventh street.

Pfc. Carl V. Rennison, (right) Co. B, 59th Med. Bn., Camp Gordon, Ga., the son of Mrs. Walter Rennison, of Tipton. He has been in service since April 14, 1942, and has been sent to a non-commission school.





Pvt. W. F. Decker, (left) graduate of Smith-Cotton high school in 1940, enlisted in the army air corps and was sent to Camp Kearns, Utah, then to Glendale, Calif. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Decker, of Waverly.

Pvt. Otto R. Boatcher, (right) son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boatcher, 1523 East Fifth street, who was inducted into the army at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., is now stationed at Camp Adair, Ore. Pvt. Boatcher is a former employee of the Democrat-Capital.





Ted Grout, former Sedalian, who is now with the U. S. Army in Alaska. His wife, the former Miss Frances Bremer, is in Kansas City. He is a nephew of Mrs. Ross Casdorph, 507 East Fifth street. He was at Dutch Harbor at the time of the attack there.

Private Johnnie Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sanders, of Florence, who entered the army May 13, and is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter, 524 East Howard street, have received word from their foster son, Pvt. Kenneth E. Sands, who volunteered in the U. S. Army Air Corps December 7, 1942, and is now stationed in St. Petersburg, Fla. Before enlisting, Kenneth was employed as a storeroom helper at the M.K.T. shops.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tucker, 1611 South Carr avenue, received a cable Sunday from their son, Pvt. Kenneth Tucker, who is in England. Pvt. Tucker said, "All is well," and wished a merry Christmas and happy new year to his family.

Mark Lamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lamm Sedalia R. R. 5, was transferred from Pettis county to Washington, D. C., for induction but is still in Washington, D. C.

Nathan Whitmire of Smithton has been sent to the west coast in California recently and expects to be sent to foreign service soon.

Edward Burr Urton, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Urton, 500 East Third street, on Monday, December 21 completed a sixteen weeks training course in the Service School for Gunner's Mates at the United States Naval training station, Great Lakes, Ill.

Christmas Tree At Calvary Baptist Church

There was a Christmas tree, with a program and gifts and treat for the children at the Calvary Baptist church, Broadway and Moniteau Wednesday evening. The pastor Reverend J. R. Sumners, will bring a message from John 15:11 using as his subject: "The Joy of the Christian at Christmas." Visitors are welcome.

• Obituaries

Mrs. Sally E. Voelkel

Mrs. Sally Emma Voelkel, 1211 East Broadway, widow of the late William Voelkel, Missouri Pacific engineer, died at 11:25 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Bothwell hospital. Mrs. Voelkel suffered a stroke Wednesday morning. She was 69 years old.

Surviving are three children, E. C. Voelkel of Franklin, Mrs. G. B. Lipcomb of Danville, Ill., and Miss Ruth Voelkel of the home. Five grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Gilespie Funeral Home with the Reverend Darnell, pastor of the East Broadway Christian church officiating, assisted by the Reverend Oscar J. Rumpf, pastor of the Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed church.

Music will be furnished by I. H. Reed and Burney Morriss, with Mrs. Mae Moser at the organ. They will sing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In The Garden".

Interment in Crown Hill cemetery.

The body is at the funeral home.

Mrs. C. C. Cottrell

Mrs. C. C. Cottrell, 68 years old, died at her home ten miles east of Moberly Wednesday, December 16, after a two weeks illness.

Mrs. Cottrell was born in Cooper county and lived in Sedalia for more than thirty years. She lived on the farm where she died for the past fourteen years. She was a niece of Mrs. Ella Estes, 1211 East Tenth street, this city.

Surviving is her husband, a daughter, Helen B. Cottrell of the home, two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Miles of Moberly and Mrs. Sallie L. Millard of Monrovia, Calif., a brother, Marion W. Palmer of the home, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cottrell was a member of the East Sedalia Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at the Mahan funeral chapel in Moberly at 10:30 Friday morning with Rev. Joseph Pettie Grant, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Oakland cemetery there.

Mrs. Edgar Neighbors, 610 South Osage avenue, a cousin of Mrs. Cottrell has returned from Moberly where she went to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Emma W. O'Bannon

Mrs. Emma W. O'Bannon, 83, widow of the late John R. O'Bannon, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Parker, in LaMonte, with whom she resided, Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock, as the result of a brief illness.

Mrs. O'Bannon was born August 2, 1859, in Johnson county, the daughter of Thomas F. Foster and Elizabeth Carroll Foster.

Survivors are: two daughters, Mrs. George Gillam, of Topeka, Kas., and Mrs. B. F. Parker; two step-daughters, Mrs. M. M. Price, of LaMonte, and Mrs. Fred Ramsey, of Centerview; a brother, J. C. Foster, of Knob Noster; a sister, Mrs. Mackie Hughes, of La Monte; three grandchildren, Mrs. A. B. Twyman, of Dayton, O., Mrs. Ray Swank, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Kennie Krews, of Topeka, Kas.; and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. O'Bannon was a member of the Christian church.

Funeral services will be held at the Parker home Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Harvey L. Smith, pastor of the Christian church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Bottoms, of the Methodist church. Pallbearers will be Edwin Hughes, Wallace Hughes, Butler Foster, John Foster, Jr., Sydney Swope, and Edward Price.

Burial will be in the LaMonte cemetery.

Miss Anna L. Donahoe

Miss Anna L. Donahoe, who frequently visited in Sedalia when her sister, Mrs. E. J. Donnelly resided here, died at the Donahoe home in Marshall at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Miss Donahoe, well known and highly respected in Marshall, also had many friends in this city.

Surviving are her sister, Mrs. Donnelly, who has been making her home in Marshall, two brothers, Charles Donahoe and Joseph Donahoe, both of Marshall, and several nieces and nephews. One niece, Mrs. E. J. Eckles, of Marshall, was reared by her aunt, Miss Donahoe, from babyhood, when her own mother died.

Funeral services will be at St. Peters church, of which she was a member, at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

David Samuel Smith

David Samuel Smith, aged 73 years, passed away at 8:20 o'clock Wednesday evening at his home, 627 East Thirteenth street.

Mr. Smith was a retired railroad shopman, having retired in 1937. He has been in failing health since that time and for the past five months has been bedfast. He was married to Elizabeth Carroll on November 27, 1891.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence W. Smith, of the home, E. J. Smith, of Sedalia, and a stepson, John Woods, of Kansas City. A son, Wilbur, died in April of this year and Mrs. Smith preceded him in death in February 1924. Also surviving are five grandchildren and six great grandchildren, two brothers, Walter of Sedalia and John of Battle Creek, Mich., four sisters, Mrs. Katherine Cone, Sedalia, Mrs. J. W. Reinert, Kansas City, Mrs. Celeste Williams, Sedalia, Mrs. Charles Hunnicut, Garland, Wyo.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Gillespie funeral home with Rev. Ralph E. Hurd, pastor of the Epworth Methodist church to officiate.

Pallbearers will be Rufus Rogers, Joe Latham, Charles Buchanan, Miller Eaton, Ellis Collins and Amos Franklin.

The body was taken to Gillespies and will be returned to the home at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Community News From Otterville

By MISS CORA CORDRY

Miss Mildred McNeely, of Kansas City, was a week end guest of George Wallace Hall and his mother, Mrs. Ellen Hall.

Dannie Glenn left Tuesday for Fort Leavenworth, where he will be inducted into the army.

Mrs. J. H. Russell, of Chilhowee, came Thursday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Repp, and son, Jimmie.

B. D. Baker, student of Iowa State college at Ames, Ia., arrived the first of the week to spend his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baker, and brother, Hugh Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Favorite, of Warrensburg, were Sunday guests of their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Spillers.

Jerry Michaelis, of Camp Polk, Ia., spent several days last week with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gunn. He was en route to Fort Knox, Ky., where he will enter officers' training school.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Cranmer went to Kansas City Thursday for an extended visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Owen L. Cranmer, and family.

Darrel Vickery, who has employment in the state of Nebraska, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vickery and family.

Arthur Broderson has bought the farm of the late A. N. Howlett, and expects to take possession about the first of March.

Eugene Hall, of Rockford, Ill., spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Hall, and brother, George W. He was enroute to Camp Roberts, Calif.

Sgt. David Schilb, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Schilb, returned to Mitchel Field, New York, Sunday after a fourteen-day furlough. Corp. Jewel Schilb, another son from Camp Coy, Wis., is home on a two-weeks' furlough.

Farrie Cole, Jr., of the 22nd air depot group, in Oklahoma City, spent from Monday until Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cole, and brother, Frank.

Mrs. J. H. Gunn was hostess to her bridge club, and a guest, Mrs. Edward Cochrane, of New York, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ethel Layne held high score.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Parker, of Bunceton, were Sunday guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Parker.

Miss Dorothy Wimer, of the Otterville public schools faculty, spent the week end at her home in Knob Noster with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wimer.

Mrs. J. P. Atkinson entertained a number of little friends Wednesday honoring the fifth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Janet. Those present were: Judith Parker, Catherine Ann Kuhn, Margaret Ann Cline, Lindy Lou Broderson, and Merril Burford. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Young entertained at dinner Sunday honoring the birthday anniversary of Mr. Young. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Danny Glenn, of Sedalia; Mr. and Mrs. Burford Jenkins, Mrs. Bertha Glenn, Miss Harietta Needy, Miss Lula Mae Glenn, John Glenn, Richard Mills, and Loyd Aldridge.

The P.-T. A. of the Otterville public school, held its regular meeting December 11. After the business session, Christmas carols and patriotic songs were sung by the audience. Mrs. Bessie Smith read the Christmas story, and Mrs. Oscar Gochenour and Mrs. Lester Young read poems.

Community News From Lincoln

Miss Maye Messersmith

Mrs. John L. Labahn departed recently for her home in Los Angeles, Calif., following a visit here with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Labahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Moor and two children, Charlene and Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Moor, all of Kansas City, visited here the past weekend with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. O. Stratton, and in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neas.

Mrs. Dewey Larson returned home from a visit with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brant, of Clifton, Ill.

Mrs. J. O. Love visited the latter part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney D. Hoards, near Wisdom.

Charles Floyd Davis and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Davis, were in Clinton on Friday of last week.

Community News From Smithton

By Mrs. R. R. Lujin

Mrs. Ralph Allee and children, who have been making their home here with Mr. Allee's aunt Mrs. Mayme Selken, moved to Jefferson City Saturday to make their home there this winter.

Carrol Benton, who was a patient at Bothwell hospital for surgery was brought to his home Thursday. Mr. Benton is Star Route carrier.

The Smithton Dairy club met Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Toboban. Their leader, Earl Wood, and four members and one guest, Mrs. Earl Wood were present. Following the business meeting a social hour in playing chinese checkers was enjoyed.

Mrs. Hal Bremer, Warrensburg, was a week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bremer. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bremer and their children, Gene, Lois and their guest were dinner guests of another daughter, Mrs. Shelby Kahrs and Mr. Kahrs.

Misses Rickey Monsees, Mildred Dillon and June Harris, were here with relatives over the week end.

Mrs. Vaughn White, Knob Noster spent the week end with her aunt Miss Etta Boucher.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cramer and family of Florence, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Bremer and daughter Reva Marie.

Shelby Kahrs, who has been traveling rural advertising solicitor for the Weekly Kansas City Star, will serve his patrons from the Star office and left for Kansas City Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bremer, August Oehrke and J. S. Daniels spent the week end on the Lake of the Ozarks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peace of Kansas City were guests of her mother, Mrs. Lottie Starke Thursday and Friday.

W. L. Jackson who has been confined to his home for the past week due to an attack of influenza was able to be out again Monday.

Mrs. H. S. Ramseyer is confined to her home because of illness.

Mrs. Mayme Selken is leaving this week for Brownsville, Texas, where she will spend Christmas with her son Frank M. Selken and family.

Miss Hattie Ellison spent the week end recently, with her uncle H. W. Lindsay and Mrs. Lindsay, owners of the Washington hotel in Kansas City.

Mrs. H. L. Hill, editor of the Smithton Times, is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ellison attended the Stony Point Embroidery Club meeting held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Melvin May. Plans were made for their annual Christmas party for the members and their families to be held December 31 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith. Mrs. May served fried guinea and hot rolls in connection with the contributed lunch.

Mrs. Vernon Monsees who has been ill for the past several months is able to be out again.

George Meyers, Mrs. George Gill and John Ratje made a business trip to Kansas City Monday.

Mrs. Mayme Carver entertained the following relatives at dinner Friday evening in honor of Rev. Wm. Ratje and Mrs. John Ratje whose birthdays were Dec. 10th and John Ratje whose birthday is Dec. 16th: Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Ratje and daughter Ruby, Pilot Grove, Mr. and Mrs. John Ratje, Mrs. George Gill and son, Mrs. Martha Gieschen, Theo, Ratje, Mr. and Mrs. George Meyers and daughter Betty Jean.

Miss Marie Grammlich visited home folks at Clifton Sunday.

Mrs. Lloyd H. Knox, Sedalia was a Sunday guest of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. William Green and daughter Patty Sue motored to La Monte Sunday where they celebrated the birthdays of Mr. Green and Mr. W. D. Fariss at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fariss.

Miss Janet Mitchell, Kansas City, a former member of the Smithton school faculty was a guest of her former student, Miss Mary D. Monsees, at Warrensburg, Sunday.

Golder Luetjen made a business trip to Versailles Wednesday.

Mrs. Ida Morris, Versailles spent last week here with her son K. J. Morris and Mrs. Morris, and was a guest of her former schoolmate Mrs. Mae Homan, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Selken were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bodenhamer.

Mrs. F. D. Muschaney underwent a major operation at Bothwell hospital last week. Satisfactory reports come from her bedside.

Community News From Green Ridge

Mrs. J. B. Myers

Mrs. Harold Echoff was hostess Thursday to the members and their guests of the Missionary society of the Presbyterian church at her home in north Green Ridge. Preceding the contributed luncheon, the Chrstmas Story was read by little Drew Echoff, of the home. A Christmas message was given by Rev. J. G. W. Kirschner; the story "White Cliffs" was read by Beth Helman; and "Joy to the World" was sung by the group.

Mrs. I. L. Gregory spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting in the home of her son, Vernon Gregory, and Mrs. Gregory, of near Clinton, and on Wednesday attended a Missionary party of the Presbyterian church given at the home of her son.

Miss Nola Barrow spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Ruth Rucker, of Warsaw. Sunday, Miss Barrow, Miss Marguerite Brady of Sedalia, and Miss Helen Munkers of Warrensburg were dinner guests of Misses Fannie and Josephine Johnson, of Warsaw. The Misses Johnson, Brady, and Munkers, are teachers in the Green Ridge schools.

Ira Pace and daughter, Miss Ruth Pace, moved from their farm four miles west of Green Ridge to the Hudson property in the south part of town. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray moved to the Pace farm. Mrs. Stella Barnett and daughter, Miss Elsie Barnett, who had been living in the Hodson property, moved down town to the Osborn apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson, of Pocahontas, Ark., moved their household goods the first of the week to a farm which they purchased of the late Lora Johnson estate, located in the Prairie View neighborhood.

Pvt. Warren George, of Camp Blanding Fla., who is here for a ten-day furlough, was the honor guest at a family dinner given at the home of his brother, Eddie George, and his aunt, Miss Emma George. Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McCampbell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold George, and Harrie McCampbell.

Harold Lee Baslee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baslee, left Thursday for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., to enter military service.

Winstead B. Kirschner, musician in the U. S. Navy Band, arrived in Green Ridge Tuesday for a holiday visit with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. W. Kirschner. He and Mrs. J. G. W. ber of the band for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. David Edward, of Sedalia, announce the birth of a son, David Russell. Mrs. Edward was the former Miss Ruth Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Brown, of LaMonte, formerly of Green Ridge.

Ferd Walters, who resides on a farm four miles south of town, is suffering from an injury caused when a mule kicked him in the stomach.

Mrs. Stella Barnett received a letter Wednesday from her son, Kenneth Barnett, stating that he is taking training in the air corps at Jefferson Barracks. Another son, Edgar Barnett, is with the air corps at Williams Field, Arizona.

D. D. Hunt, of McCracken, Kas., brother of Mrs. Mary Harris, of Green Ridge, died Monday at the Memorial hospital at Hastings, Kas. The funeral and burial services were held at McCracken Wednesday.

Clyde Brown, who resided in Los Angeles, Calif., arrived in Green Ridge Monday, where he will remain at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown, until called to military service.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen McNutt, of Kansas City, announce the birth of a son born in December. Mrs. G. C. Johnson, of Green Ridge, is the grandmother.

Stockholders' Meeting

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Sedalia [illegible] Company, will be held at the office of the company, 108-10 [illegible] Street, Sedalia, Missouri, on Monday January 11, 1943 at 10 a. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business that may be properly brought before said meeting.

GEORGE H. TRADER,
President, Sedalia Democrat Co.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Third National Bank of Sedalia, Missouri, will be held in its banking room Tuesday, January the 12th, 1943, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 Noon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

C. L. HANLEY, Cashier.

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